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September is Hunger Action Month **Help Feed People Who Are Hungry by Donating to Legislator D'Amaro's Annual Food Drive**



Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro, second from left in back row, joined Island Harvest representative Cinthia DelRosario, kneeling front left, and VP of Operations Migdalia Otero, standing right of sign, and community volunteers at a holiday food drive held at a local supermarket. Between now and October 21, he is accepting donations in his district office, 130 West Jericho Turnpike, Huntington Station.

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(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... September 21, 2011) – In conjunction with Feeding America's designation of September as National Hunger Action Month, Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) is again hosting a food drive in his district office to help those in need. Recognizing that many residents are personally affected by the current economic downturn, D'Amaro is asking those interested in donating to buy just one extra item each time they go food shopping and drop it off at his district office. All donations will go directly to Island Harvest, the Long Island-based organization that supplies hundreds of community-based nonprofit organizations on Long Island with critical food support to help stem the advancing tide of hunger. Items will be collected through October 21 and are being accepted Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5pm at 130 West Jericho Turnpike in Huntington Station.

“One in six Americans struggles with hunger each year,” said Legislator D'Amaro. “That translates to an astonishing quarter-of-a-million Long Islanders who will go hungry this year which is why it is so critical to provide food and other essentials to affected community residents. Fortunately, we have local not for profit organizations like Island Harvest to provide assistance to those in need.”

Suggested items to donate include canned vegetables, meats, fish or fruit, soups, sauces, pasta, cereals, dry milk, almond or soy milk, baby formula, spices, coffee, tea, personal care items, nutritional beverages (such as Boost or Ensure) or personal hygiene items. For those community residents who would like to donate more, supermarket turkey coupons, canned hams or supermarket gift cards are all greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Legislator D'Amaro's office at (631) 854-4433.

“Island Harvest is thankful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of Legislator D'Amaro and his staff in helping us fight hunger,” said Randi Shubin Dresner, president and CEO of Island Harvest. “It is through great partnerships with leaders like Legislator D'Amaro that we are able to help those who face hunger each day while educating the public about this critical, year-round issue.”

Fighting hunger and touching lives, Island Harvest serves as the bridge between those who have surplus food and those who need it, supplying over 570 community-based nonprofit organizations on Long Island with critical food support to help stem the advancing tide of hunger in our communities. Island Harvest has delivered more than 63 million pounds of food, supplementing nearly 49 million meals, since its inception in 1992. In support of its mission to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island, the organization is actively involved in education, outreach, advocacy, job training and hunger awareness programs. Island Harvest is a member of Feeding America. For more information about Island Harvest, visit www.islandharvest.org.