

(December 21, 2006) Congressman Lipinski....Visits Greater Chicago Food Depository

CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI AND ALDERMAN ZALEWSKI

VISIT THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

On Wednesday, Congressman Dan Lipinski and Alderman Mike Zalewski visited the Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Laurie Place (formerly 42nd Place) in Chicago. Congressman Lipinski and Alderman Zalewski urge everyone to remember the less-fortunate during the Holiday Season and throughout the year by aiding to your local food pantry with a donation of food, a monetary contribution, or by spending time sorting, packaging, and stocking shelves at your local food bank.

"Around Christmas time we think more about those who are hungry and in need of help, but hunger does not just happen during the holidays," stated Representative Lipinski. "It is great to see the impressive operations of the Greater Chicago Food Depository which does a tremendous job all year round and is always in need of contributions and volunteers."

The Greater Chicago Food Depository receives food from food companies, food drives, purchases, and America's Second Harvest-the nation's largest hunger-relief organization. From there, the Depository passes food along to its member agencies, which include six-hundred soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries. In turn, these member agencies provide food for 88,000 individuals every week in Chicagoland. Among these 88,000 beneficiaries are the elderly, children, the working poor, single-parent families, and the newly unemployed.

This past week, Jerry Mulvihill of Congressman Dan Lipinski's office organized a holiday food drive for the sixteenth consecutive year. The food drive was done in conjunction with the Southwest Senior Service Organization, and Alderman Michael R. Zalewski's Office. Baskets were delivered by a small army of volunteers on the morning of Saturday, December 16th.

Over 400 food baskets each containing non-perishable food, a loaf of bread, and a frozen ham were provided to needy families throughout the Third Congressional District. Donations for the food drive were received from Acorn Corrugated Box, students and teachers at John C. Dore Elementary School, Richard Henry Lee Elementary School, Mark Twain Elementary School, and Michael M. Byrne Elementary School, and other generous individuals from the area.

To help with next year's food drive, please contact Jerry Mulvihill at Congressman Lipinski's Oak Lawn Office at 708-424-0853. You can contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773-247-3663.