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**DuPage County, IL** – Hunger is an everyday issue here in Illinois. One local woman is doing her best to make an impact though. And, she’s teaming up with different businesses to tackle hunger head on. Dr. Alicia McCareins is the mother of NFL Tennessee Titans player Justin McCareins. She’s participating in the “NFL Moms Tackling Hunger with Chunky Soup” food collection effort.

**The Great Western Flooring Company in Naperville and PODS of Carol Stream** are also pitching in. This Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. local residents are encouraged to stop by Great Western Flooring located at the corner of Ogden and Washington Streets to make a donation of a canned food or other non-perishable item. Food will be collected in the PODS storage container in the parking lot.

*All* of the food will be donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank to feed hungry neighbors in your community. So far Dr. McCareins has collected over **18 tons of food!**

For all of her hard work Dr. McCareins may have the opportunity to go to the Super Bowl. The “NFL Moms Tackling Hunger” program started on September 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Campbell’s is sending the top 3 collectors out of 35 NFL moms to attend the big game. Currently, Dr. McCareins is in third place but the competition will be heating up so come on out and support her efforts!

**About Northern Illinois Food Bank**

Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) is a non-profit organization that provides food to all those in need in its 13 county service area, through its 520 partner agencies. NIFB acquires, gathers, handles, and distributes donated, government, and purchased food to more than 40,600 different people each week through local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth activity centers and other food assistance sites. In 2008 NIFB distributed over 22.5 million pounds of food, including over 3 million pounds of frozen meat, fresh produce and bakery items picked up from retail stores through the Food Recovery Program. The Youth Nutrition Program provided over 389,165 snacks, meals and lunches in the past year to hungry children. NIFB’s main office and warehouse is located in St. Charles with branches in Lake County and Rockford and an office in Joliet. NIFB is a member of Feeding America (formerly America’s Second Harvest). For five consecutive years NIFB has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and is one of only 3% of charities in the nation to have achieved this recognition for fiscal responsibility. [www.northernilfoodbank.org](http://www.northernilfoodbank.org)

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