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## **“Give a Little, Feed a Lot” Benefits Local Hungry**

**(Glendale Heights, IL 9-10-09)** Jewel-Osco stores all over Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana are participating in a campaign called Give a Little, Feed a Lot. For the whole month of September customers can donate food or money at all Jewel Stores to benefit the Food Bank in their area. Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB), Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and Greater Chicago Food Depository are hoping that shoppers will do their best to help their neighbors this Hunger Action Month.

On Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> a huge crowd came out to Jewel-Osco in Glendale Heights to support the Northern Illinois Food Bank and encourage Jewel-Osco shoppers to stop by with donations. Athletes from Glenbard North High School & Lake Park High School, Vietnam Vets and even a 94 year old Food Bank volunteer came out to thank the individuals and companies who dropped off food or money.

“With the increased need at food pantries and soup kitchens every dollar, every can, every box helps someone put food on the table” says NIFB Executive Director, H. Dennis Smith. “We couldn’t be more pleased with the turnout this morning, and we hope all Jewel-Osco shoppers will donate food or funds as they shop for their families this month” Smith added. NIFB has seen a 35% surge in demand in the last year. In total over 7,000 pounds of food were donated along with almost \$3,000 dollars.

### **About Northern Illinois Food Bank**

Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) is a non-profit organization that provides food to all those in need through its 520 partner agencies in the following 13 counties – Boone, DuPage, DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will and Winnebago. NIFB acquires, gathers, handles, and distributes donated, government, and purchased food to more than 60,000 different people each week through local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth activity centers and other food assistance sites. In Fiscal Year 2009 NIFB distributed over 27 million pounds of food. The Food Bank has recently launched a Capital Campaign to build a new Food Distribution and Community Nutrition Center to enable them to handle more food more efficiently to meet the increasing demand.

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