



## Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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TO: All BMWED Local Lodge Officers  
RE: FOOD DRIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

### *TEAMSTERS DRIVE TO END HUNGER*

The BMWED and Teamster Human Rights Commission is requesting your assistance in sponsoring a food drive to benefit your local community.

Due to the declining economy, many Americans in your own community, and across the country are "really hurting." Many are facing job loss and are unable to pay their bills, and in some cases unable to provide the most basic staple, food. Food needs for the poor and unemployed have risen by at least 50 percent while available aid is dwindling. U.S.D.A. commodity allotments, alone, have been reduced by 25 percent. The demand for food assistance is up by 30 percent.

The plan is simple. Each member bring a non-perishable food item (**no outdated food items or dented cans, please**) each time their local lodge meets. This request could be made at your next general membership meeting or in your union publication. As local lodge officers and union leaders, your Union is depending on you to spread the word, and make this important effort work.

As these items are collected, your local union HRC Representative can arrange for delivery, either monthly or quarterly, to a local food bank within your community. Many food banks are more than happy to pick up the food items that have been collected. This should be an ongoing practice and will help to stock their shelves. Teamsters have a long history of helping the families of working men and women.

Both President Simpson and I would like to personally encourage you and your local membership to consider participating in this *Teamsters Drive to End Hunger*, and make a positive impact on your local community. We believe that by making this small effort and contribution to your community, we can make a difference in the fight against hunger. Let's all do our part in this very important effort.

I would request that you please let me know the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the person that will be coordinating the food drive for your local union. If your local lodge does not have a HRC Representative please contact me, Roger Sanchez, by telephone at (281) 923-7960, or e-mail at lodge1507@aol.com. In the near future, an IBT Human Rights Commissioner will be in contact with you to determine how best to assist you and your local lodge members.

President Simpson and I look forward to working with each of you to fight hunger, and **feed hope**.

With best wishes, we remain

Fraternally yours,

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