

## Joint Press Release

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Representative Sánchez, in partnership with Whole Foods, Conducts Canned Food Drive to Benefit Community Servings and ABCD Jamaica Plain

*Jamaica Plain residents are urged to donate non-perishable food items at various locations across Jamaica Plain from November 15- December 31*

State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez (D-Jamaica Plain) in conjunction with Whole Foods Market, will conduct a canned Food Drive from November 15 through December 31, 2011. Canned food, collected, will benefit Community Servings and ABCD Jamaica Plain.

On Tuesday, November 15 at 2PM, Representative Sánchez along with representatives from Community Servings and ABCD Jamaica Plain will host a kickoff event for the Food Drive at Whole Foods Market—Jamaica Plain to inform residents on how and why they should participate in this program.

All non-perishable food items are needed and may be dropped off at these following locations:

- ABCD Jamaica Plain  
295 Centre Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- Whole Foods Market—Jamaica Plain  
413 Centre Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- Community Servings  
18 Marbury Terrace  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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“This food drive is our way of giving back to the Jamaica Plain community. This drive will help replenish the shelves of our local food pantries during this high demand holiday season. Making sure that all of our neighbors receive the support that they need is what will continue to make Jamaica Plain a tight-knit, supportive community,” states Representative Jeffrey Sánchez.

John Drew, President/CEO of ABCD says, “We’re pleased to join our good friend Representative Sánchez as part of ABCD’s overall winter campaign to help the thousands of needy families who rely on us for basic necessities and community services, especially during the holiday season.”

Community Servings’ CEO, David Waters said, “We are so excited to partner with Representative Sánchez, Whole Foods and the residents of Jamaica Plain on this Can Drive to ensure that our sick clients have nutritious meals this holiday season. The holidays are a particularly tough time for our neighbors who are homebound and hungry, and it is important to send them the message that they are not forgotten.”

Jennifer Licht, Marketing Team Leader and Community Liaison for Whole Foods Market—Jamaica Plain states, “Whole Foods Market is thrilled to be a neighborhood donation location for Representative Sánchez’s Canned Food Drive this holiday season. The kick-off date November 15<sup>th</sup> is also a 5% day in our store when we will give back 5% of our net sales to Community Servings for Pie in the Sky. Additionally, for the entire month of November our customers can donate to the Jamaica Plain ABCD at our registers. As part of the Jamaica Plain community we feel it is crucial to support these organizations which provide such vital services to JP residents.”

Action for Boston Community Development is Boston's antipoverty agency, serving more than 94,000 low-income Greater Boston residents through its city-wide network of neighborhood-based organizations. ABCD provides innovative, timely programs that promote upward mobility and a higher quality of life for people and communities.

Community Servings is a Jamaica Plain based nonprofit food and nutrition program providing services throughout Massachusetts to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses.

Whole Foods Markets, Inc. is the largest natural foods retailer in the United States. The company sells natural and organic foods in over 100 stores within the United States and in the United Kingdom.

For additional information regarding Community Servings, ABCD Jamaica Plain, and Whole Food Markets, Inc. please visit: <http://www.bostonabcd.org> , <http://www.servings.org/index.cfm>, and <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com>.