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To the Editor

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It takes a community

Food is one of our most basic needs. Everyone understands what it means to be hungry, yet many are unaware how widespread the need is in our own community. Hundreds of individuals and families with children are in need of assistance each week, not merely during the winter holidays.

There is a network of concerned individuals silently waging the war against hunger every day. Government, religious, and civic organizations are working with merchants and volunteers to meet the nutritional needs of our community. It may surprise you to know that the **(Name of pantry or receiving organization) will still have to purchase food to get through the summer. **(Additional details specific to your receiving organization could be added here)****

It does take a community. Without community involvement on an ongoing basis the situation of need can only deteriorate. This does not have to be an overwhelming commitment as long as everyone joins in.

I challenge everyone to take part in our first “Thanksgiving in July” community – wide food drive. It can be as easy as donating several cans of food or by helping to sponsor a food drive. Serving the community or donating goods can be beneficial and a rewarding experience for all.

Further information can be obtained by contacting **(Contact name and number)**

Respectfully Yours,

(Name of group sponsoring the food drive)