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Northwest Suburban United Way and Porte Brown Collect 1200 lbs of Food to Address Local Food Pantry's Increasing Need

November 22, 2011 (Elk Grove Village, IL) – With local need steadily increasing, Northwest Suburban United Way (NWSUW) recognizes that local food pantries are struggling. The Elk Grove Township Food Pantry sees an average of 175 clients each month. However, due to the low number of donations and the increasing demand in the community, clients are only able to visit the pantry once every other month. To help combat this growing problem, NWSUW partners with local corporations to collect supplies to contribute to pantries in the area.

In addition to their annual United Way campaign, Porte Brown LLC, a continuous supporter of NWSUW, contributes to their community by organizing a food drive each year. Employees dedicate one week every year to collecting food items and dollar donations to be donated to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. This year's food drive wrapped up on Friday, November 18 and collected three vans full of food.

"With the goal of serving one million people in crisis, it is crucial to have partners like Porte Brown," says Marcia McMahon, Chief Professional Officer of Northwest Suburban United Way. "They not only support the community financially but also through special programs such as this food drive."

LIVE UNITED 2020, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago's ten-year vision to improve communities of greatest need throughout the region includes serving one million people in crisis. Through employee campaigns and food drives such as the one hosted at Porte Brown, United Way is able to accomplish this ambitious goal.

To learn more about United Way and opportunities to become involved please visit LIVEUNITEDchicago.org/northwest or contact Northwest Suburban United Way at (847) 768-1074.

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Northwest Suburbs and Skokie Valley, United Way engages people to give, advocate and volunteer in their community to advance the common good. By promoting education, income and health, United Way creates opportunities for people to live stable, healthy and independent lives.