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MAYOR BALLARD MAKES ‘A CASE FOR GIVING’ AT PACK THE PANTRIES KICKOFF
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, COMPANIES URGED TO RESPOND TO NEED FOR FOOD DONATIONS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard this afternoon made a call to action to local organizations, companies, and residents to respond to the City’s need for food donations. This year’s theme for the Mayor’s food donation initiative Pack the Pantries, “A Case for Giving,” urges residents to donate a case of food to local food banks and pantries. The City’s partnership with Midwest and Gleaners food banks will allow for greater impact and reach to feed the hungry in Indianapolis.

“The faces of hunger are not just those you see on the streets or at the local shelters—the faces of hunger are also in your schools; they are your fellow neighbors,” said Mayor Ballard. “Food and monetary donations to our food banks and pantries are critical. Through the City’s Office of Indianapolis Front Porch, we are responding to the needs of our residents through collaborative efforts and asking our community to pack the pantries.”

Mayor Ballard was joined by City-County Council members, representatives from local organizations and companies, including the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers, and Fifth Third Bank, which have committed to joining this citywide effort. Mayor Ballard also is working in partnership with the Offices of Senator Richard Lugar and Congressman André Carson.

The City’s collaborative efforts with community organizations offer several events for residents to participate and make food donations in the coming months:

- November 23 – Jam the Jaguars Bus, IUPUI
- December 3 – 40K of Giving, Monument Circle
- December 17 – Caravan of Care, City County Building

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Now through December 5, residents may drop off their food items at a designated drop location.

For more information and a complete list of food donation drop-off locations, visit [www.indy.gov/frontporch](http://www.indy.gov/frontporch). Monetary donations may be made to the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee.

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