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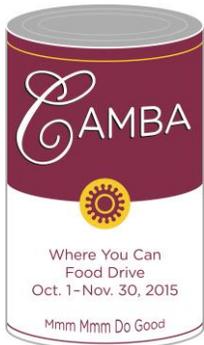
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**SUPPORT CAMBA'S FALL FOOD DRIVE, NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 30,
AND HELP PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD FOR HUNGRY NEW YORKERS**

**MMM MMM . . . DO GOOD – AND HELP CAMBA'S BEYOND HUNGER EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
FEED MORE THAN 4,000 HUNGRY FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS EVERY MONTH**

CAMBA is asking New Yorkers to donate non-perishable food and funds to its annual fall Where You Canned Food Drive, to provide emergency food for the more than 4,000 hungry men, women and children who depend on the pantry to put food on their tables every month. The drive continues through the end of November.



“More than half a million Brooklyn families live in poverty,” said **Joanne M. Oplustil, CAMBA’s President & CEO**. “Every day, they face desperate choices as they struggle to make ends meet. Too often, families and individuals skip meals to pay for rent and other necessities. Your contributions will help thousands of our hungry neighbors eat.”

The pantry especially needs the following non-perishable items: canned tuna, salmon and chicken; dried milk; beans; fruits; vegetables; pasta; cereal; peanut butter and 100% fruit juice.

Donations can be dropped off at several CAMBA sites in Brooklyn. To find a location, check the list at www.camba.org/fooddrive. To host a food drive at your school or office or residential building, please contact Lucila Santana at lucilas@camba.org or 718-282-3082.

New Yorkers can also help by making a tax deductible financial contribution to the food pantry at www.camba.org/fooddrive and inviting friends, family and colleagues to join you.

“With financial donations, our food pantry can purchase food below wholesale through the city’s food bank and other sources. It is easy for donors to give online and a cost-effective way to ensure that we can stock the most nutritious and needed items,” Oplustil said.

CAMBA's Beyond Hunger Emergency Food Pantry opened its doors in 1988 and has been helping hungry Brooklyn residents for more than a quarter of a century, serving families and individuals in a grocery-store like setting at 2241 Church Avenue in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

In addition to providing nutritious food, the pantry helps clients determine eligibility for public benefits, provides nutritional education and refers clients to programs for money management, social services and health care.

The Pantry also includes a hydroponic farm, which produces the equivalent of more than 4,000 heads of fresh produce annually for pantry clients.

CAMBA is a nonprofit organization that provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. Started in 1977, CAMBA offers integrated services and programs in: Economic Development, Education & Youth Development, Family Support, Health, Housing and Legal Services. CAMBA serves more than 45,000 individuals and families, including 9,000 youth, each year. Learn more about CAMBA's life-changing services at www.camba.org.

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