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The Naperville Jaycees Partner with Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry for Holiday Food Distributions

For many years, the Naperville Jaycees provided holiday food packages to approximately 350 struggling families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas, through their Holiday Food Basket Program. This year, the Jaycees have partnered with Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry in order to reach many more families in need.

Jaycee Food Basket co-chairs Angela Sumner and Trudi Remer met with Loaves & Fishes Executive Director Charles McLimans and his staff earlier this fall and discussions revealed that the organizations were duplicating some efforts. Plans were made to combine collection and distribution of holiday food. The Jaycees were particularly impressed with the Client Choice system recently implemented at Loaves & Fishes. Client Choice allows families to choose foods appropriate for their individual situations, thus ensuring they receive a full complement of nutritious items they will use.

This November and December, Jaycees members will augment Loaves & Fishes volunteers during holiday distributions, as well as transport holiday food to Pantry home delivery clients. The Jaycees are also providing holiday fare through food drives and cash donations.

For information regarding Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry, visit www.loaves-fishes.org, or call 630.355.3663.

