

Naperville Jaycees' Holiday Food Baskets Program

For Immediate release-----November 23, 2010----- The Naperville Jaycees holiday food baskets program is joining forces with the local Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry for the third consecutive year. With numerous food collections and monetary donations, the Jaycees are helping to feed local families through Loaves and Fishes.

The holiday food baskets program kicked off with a food drive on November 6 at Casey's Foods where the Jaycees collected more than 1,557 pounds of food and \$386 in cash donations.

"Almost everybody that walked in or out of that store helped us out," said Lauren Chirco, 2010 Jaycee Holiday Food Baskets Co-Chair.

The Jaycees also partnered with St. Margaret Mary Church to transport 8,500 pounds of food to Loaves and Fishes for Harvest Sunday.

On November 20, the Naperville Jaycees distributed holiday meals to more than 185 families in need. These efforts will again be duplicated on December 18, in preparation for Christmas.

"The food distribution program is vital to those in the community that are not able to get to the pantry and pick up food for their holidays. Through our volunteers, the Jaycees are able to bring the food to them," said one Jaycee volunteer. Last year, 1,835 families received holiday food through this program. That number is expected to be exceeded this year because of the surge in demand for services Loaves & Fishes continues to experience.

About The Naperville Jaycees

The Naperville Jaycees is a nonprofit service organization with over 200 young persons dedicated to personal development through community service. The group organizes and staffs the Last Fling in close cooperation with the City of Naperville, the Naperville Park District, numerous Naperville community organizations and many volunteers. Proceeds from the Last Fling are given to nonprofit organizations in the community and throughout DuPage County. For more information about the Naperville Jaycees, please visit the Jaycees website, NaperJaycees.org.