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## Carroll Gardens Greenmarket Feeds the Hungry

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### New Program Collects Excess Produce From Vendors There

HANSON PLACE — On Sunday, Nov. 16, Hanson Place Campaign Against Hunger, located in the Fort Greene area of Brooklyn, began collecting surplus food — including apples, greens, and bread — from vendors at Carroll Gardens Greenmarket, located near the corner of Smith and Carroll streets.

Carroll Gardens Greenmarket vendors will continue to donate their surplus produce to Hanson Place through the next growing season.

Greenmarkets and the New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH) collaborated on this project to create partnerships between Greenmarket vendors that have surplus produce at the end of their market day and emergency food providers who are in need of food.

As the economy continues to worsen, the donations from the Greenmarket could not have come at a more critical time for emergency food programs like Hanson Place Campaign Against Hunger, a “customer choice” food pantry that allows individuals and family members to choose from a wide range of food items once a month.

Said Tamar Auber, director of Hanson Place Campaign Against Hunger, said, “Our agency provides over 135,000 meals to needy Brooklynites each year. As food prices continue to rise and nutritious food is becoming more scarce in the diet of our customers, we depend on the generosity of groups like Greenmarkets and the support of NYCCAH to help feed our neighbors in need. This donation of fresh produce will help serve the children, seniors, and families who rely on our food pantry.”

“I’d like to thank the Carroll Gardens Greenmarket vendors as well as the New York City Coalition against Hunger for partnering to help New Yorkers access fruits and vegetables,” said Councilman Bill de Blasio. “Family budgets are tightening, and our city’s food pantries, such as Hanson Place, are seeing even more demand from the community as a result. Wholesome produce should not be a luxury item, and commonsense partnerships like this one can help to increase availability of such healthy foods for low-income New Yorkers.”

Greenmarket opened its first farmers’ market in New York City in 1976 and currently operates markets in 46 locations throughout the five boroughs. Greenmarket supports local farmers and preserves farmland for the future by providing regional small family

farmers with opportunities to sell their fruits, vegetables and other farm products to New Yorkers.

The New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH) is an umbrella advocacy group that represents the more than 1,200 nonprofit soup kitchens and food pantries in New York City and the more than 1.3 million low-income New Yorkers who are forced to use them.