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Press Release

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"Don't just give thanks – give to someone in need!"

Woodbine, Ga. (October 29, 2010) – While there is an ongoing battle to end hunger around the world, we have a serious problem right here at home in Camden County, Georgia. According to the quick facts of the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.3% of Camden County's population lived at or below the poverty level in 2008. Since then this percentage is sure to increase due to the drastic downturn of the current economy. Living in poverty puts tremendous stress and burdens on families, forcing individuals to make difficult decisions of whether to feed their children, or pay rent & bills to keep a safe and warm dwelling place for their families.

To assist those who struggle with poverty and famine in our community, Camden County Government's HOPE Committee is partnering with CCHS SkillsUSA and Brant Creek Apartments to collect non-perishable food items to benefit those in need during this holiday season. "Our employees are always very giving; they work diligently to make each food drive a success. It is gratifying to see members of our community, local business and our youth come together for such a worthy cause," said Katie Bishop, County Clerk and Chair of the HOPE Committee. Carlos Jones, Jr. of CCHS added, "It is a great privilege for SkillsUSA to help those in our community who are struggling in these hard economics times. To know that we are going to be able to help families with such a need makes me feel honored to be apart of such a great community. Thanks for letting SkillsUSA help!"

All items that are collected will be donated to The Salvation Army. Each year, The Salvation Army, Kiwanis and other community organizations provide Thanksgiving Food Boxes to families. In 2009, 784 people received Thanksgiving Food Boxes. Approximately 80% of all applications for Thanksgiving Food Boxes are fulfilled by The Salvation Army. Any and all donations are appreciated and used to "Do The Most Good."

"Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice"

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Items can be dropped off in the designated boxes at County offices, Camden County High School, and Brant Creek Apartments. For the safety of those we serve, we are unable to accept open packages, homemade food items, perishable foods, or items with expired dates. For more information or to have a bin delivered to your office please contact Katie Bishop at (912) 576-5651. **The deadline for all donations is Friday, November 19, 2010.**

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