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"... because hunger doesn't take a vacation..."

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As June approaches most of us wait in anticipation of that summer vacation; that break from work or school, with family, friends or even just on our own. For other families living on the West Island however, "vacation" looks very different. However, one thing remains the same even during this time of year; once the monthly bills are paid, it will be difficult to put food on the table. You see, hunger doesn't abide by seasons.

For that reason, throughout the month of June West Island Mission will be launching its' first ever mid year food drive campaign with the slogan *"... because hunger doesn't take a vacation..."* During the Christmas season of 2010, thanks to all of our generous supporters, we were able to collect enough food to last us until this point of the 2011 year. Now as the shelves begin to grow bare, we're looking to all of you once again to participate with us. As we like to say, "Help us help others".

Here are a few ideas for how you can make that happen.

- Set up a food drive collection box for the month of June at your place of business, your children's school or daycare, your health club, your church, etc. (posters can be made available to you upon request);
- Ask friends and family to purchase some extra food when shopping during the month of June; or,
- Organize a door to door food drive in your neighbourhood (we can give you ideas on how to go about doing that).

We would love to see that same spirit of giving that happens during December take place this June. Our hope is that as a result we will see the shelves of West Island Mission stocked and ready to help many more families through the summer months and into the fall. We will be establishing set drop off days/times when food can be brought to our facility at the end of June and into the beginning of July.

If you would like any further information, ideas on how to do a door to door food drive or would like to obtain a poster/posters, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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