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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
RAYMOND L. FLYNN

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Nancy Jamison
Fair Foods Inc.
3 Nottingham Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Dear Nancy:

Let me applaud Fair Foods for providing needed food at affordable prices for many of the lower income families of Boston and the surrounding area. Fair Foods plays a significant role combatting hunger and making food easily affordable for those with limited financial means. It does so in a manner which encourages community involvement, and its methods discourage dependency. Fair Foods is a model organization of efficient, successful community self-help.

It is unfortunate that even today, there are many who go hungry, or else feed themselves at a cost which leaves little in savings. The efforts of Fair Foods enables many poor and lower income families to feed themselves with greater ease, when they might otherwise have done so only with great financial difficulty.

The efficiency of Fair Foods would impress any business enterprise. It is a remarkable accomplishment, that in the 1992-93 season, Fair Foods, collected, inventoried and distributed over three million pounds of surplus food for the benefit of the Boston community.

I have deep respect for the principles of your organization designed to discourage dependency. Fair Foods does not simply help people. It helps people help themselves.

I believe Fair Foods enjoys volunteer support from neighborhood groups as well as the corporate sector because of the high regard in which it is held. The collaboration between Fair Foods and City Year -- two successful, uniquely impressive organizations -- is a fine example of a community working together for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,


Raymond L. Flynn
Mayor of Boston