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Nancy Jamison, CEO
Fair Foods, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Jamison,

Please allow me the opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the entire organization at Fair Foods.

I first met you in 1993 at the St. Johns – St. Hugh church in the Grove Hall area of Dorchester while you were giving out food at a community event. People were enjoying soda, cookies and other snacks provided by Fair Foods, and when they left they were asked to take a bag of food home with them. For these people it was a real treat to come to a community event and then leave with about 15 pounds of food items that included Thomas' English Muffins, Arnold Bread, potatoes, onions, oranges and other nutritious food items.

Over the years I have seen Fair Foods' trucks, brightly adorned with paintings of vegetables and the American Flag, traveling throughout the Boston area distributing food in just about every community on a weekly basis. Fair Foods has grown from just you in a pickup truck to hundreds of people caring, sharing and working together helping people in need.

I am always pleased to see Fair Foods providing treats such as cookies, donuts, fruits, juices and other items to events like the Policeman's annual Halloween party for children, events at the Masonic Hall and on and on. Fair Foods continued non-partisan practice of feeding hundreds of volunteers working at polling sites on Election Day is a model to use as a civic lesson for other businesses throughout the City of Boston.

Fair Foods also made a recent heart-warming event within my District even more special. The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative group had teamed with a group of 75-100 corporate volunteers to erect a playground on a vacant lot in Roxbury. The entire playground was erected in one day and Fair Foods was there with breakfast, lunch and snacks for all. When the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony was held the following Saturday afternoon, Fair Foods was there once again with lunch for the crew and then snacks for the entire community. After the Dedication (in memory of a local young girl who had been slain in that lot the year before) Fair Foods announced to the crowd that they had brought enough food so that everyone would have plenty to take home. Once again smiles were abundant.

Giving, sharing, and helping others creates a civil society. Thank you Fair Foods for your continued generosity.

Yours in Community Service,

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