



Information Circular IC 03-140

November 7, 2003

TO: CBOE Members and Staff

RE: Annual Holiday Food Drive

It is time, once again, for our annual food drive. On **Thursday, November 13**, the CBOE will join forces with the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and Chicago Stock Exchange to sponsor the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Food Drive, which benefits the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD). Last year, the exchanges collectively raised \$62,562 - the equivalent of 250,248 meals. We hope you will join us again in helping to ensure that the 91,300 Chicagoans who rely on emergency food every week continue to receive this vital service.

Although the Food Depository distributed a record 43.2 million pounds of food last year to 600 soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters, the demand for food continues to increase, and is up 13.29% from the same period one year ago. Thanks to drives like this, the GCFD is able to meet the growing need of the many people who are faced with these difficulties. We ask for your continued support in the fight against hunger that is so prevalent in our communities.

As security is an on-going issue, food donations will not be accepted, however, representatives from the Food Depository will be stationed in the lobby on November 13 to accept cash, checks, and credit card donations. Alternatively, you may send your donation directly to the GCFD in the enclosed envelope. **Please make checks payable to GCFD.** For more information on the Greater Chicago Food Depository, visit [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org).

Your generosity will help the GCFD feed as many people as possible this holiday season and provide comfort and sustenance to those in need.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support.

Sincerely,

William J. Brodsky  
Chairman and CEO

Mark F. Duffy  
Vice Chairman

Edward J. Joyce  
President and COO

