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## VKK 2007 – Food Drive

Dear Vidyarannigare,

2007 Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta Executive Committee is proud to announce a Food Drive to feed the hungry and the homeless in our local community of Chicago on the occasion of the **Deepavali Celebrations on the 1st of December**. As the President of the VKK, I personally encourage you to donate food or funds towards the food drive. All the proceeds will be donated to The Greater Chicago Food Depository; a Chicago based not-for-profit food distribution and training center. The details of food that you can donate are provided below.

Additionally, VKK Executive Committee has decided to donate a sum of \$750/- to The Greater Chicago Food Depository from the current year's excess contributions. Please contact VKK Treasurer, Bhima Rao (815-230-2901) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Datta Murthy Ajjampur

President, VKK 2007

**The Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD)**, Chicago's food bank, is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to almost a half-million adults and children every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed more than 40 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of more than 84,000 meals every day. Innovative training programs and initiatives developed by the Food Depository also work to provide men, women and children with the tools necessary to break their individual cycles of poverty.

### A message from GCFD .....

#### Everyone can make a difference

Join the effort to collect nonperishable food donations this year. Every can of food makes a difference for hungry men, women and children in our community.

#### Help us fill empty shelves

The shelves at the Food Depository and member pantries are emptier than usual this holiday season because of a drop-off in food from the federal government. Learn more about the situation by visiting:

[http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=help\\_fill\\_our\\_shelves](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=help_fill_our_shelves)

## DONATE HEALTHY MEALS

<b>Grains</b>	Rice
	Pasta
	Macaroni & Cheese
	Whole Grain Cereal
Jelly	<b>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>
Fruit Juice	
Canned Fruit	
Canned Vegetables	Peanut Butter
<b>Protein</b>	Dried or Canned Beans

**Where:** Sama Rathi Auditorium, HTGC, Lemont

**When:** Saturday, Dec 1, 2007

**Time:** 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

#### Coordinators:

**Asha Baskar**

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**Gurudutt Ramamurthy**

Tel: 630-837-4999 Email: [gurudutt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gurudutt@sbcglobal.net)

#### Important Note:

Please check the expiration dates on all the canned foods and make sure that they are not expired. DO NOT bring any perishable items. Please contact Asha Baskar or Gurudutt Ramamurthy if you are unsure of what to bring.

You can make this a great success with your generous donations.