



Starting June 11, 2009 and running through June 19, 2009, the New York Women's Bar Association ("NYWBA") will be working with the Food Bank of New York City to collect canned goods for hungry New Yorkers. As I am sure you all are aware, the economic downturn has led to an increase demand on food pantries in the New York City metropolitan area. Nearly 4 million New York City residents are at risk of going hungry. The majority of them are women and children, the elderly, people with disabilities and the working poor. Children are particularly at risk over the summer months when they are out of school and no longer have access to the free or subsidized meals provided through school meal programs. In an effort to help, the NYWBA is coordinating a City-wide, eight day long, effort to collect non-perishable food.

A number of the Manhattan law firms and courthouses, including Supreme, Civil, Criminal and Family Courts as well as NYCLA, have agreed to allow their facilities to be used as collection sites for this food drive. Collection bins will be located in the rotunda starting on June 11. Please join the NYWBA in stopping hunger in New York City by bringing in nonperishable food donations and placing them in the bin. For your convenience, I have attached a Product List which describes the types of food which the Food Bank can accept. The top ten most needed items include canned beans, milk, fruit, vegetables, juice, meat, fish, soup, stew and peanut butter. .

If you prefer to contribute financially, the NYWBA is sponsoring a "Virtual Food Drive" which allows you to donate money on-line. If you would like to provide financial support for this cause, please click on the following link:

[http://help.foodbanknyc.org/site/TR/Events/General?team\\_id=2370&pg=team&fr\\_id=1200](http://help.foodbanknyc.org/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=2370&pg=team&fr_id=1200).

The Food Bank distributes food to more than 1,000 emergency community food programs and helps to provide more than 300,000 free meals per day. To learn more about the Food Bank visit [www.foodbanknyc.org](http://www.foodbanknyc.org).

Help end hunger in New York City. Join the NYWBA and the Food Bank for New York City in making "Food from the Women's Bar" a success by donating your canned goods or by contributing to the Virtual Food Drive!

Thank you.