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Charlotte A. Randolph, *Parish President*

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lafourche Parish Government Employees Collect Over 800 Items in their *Christmas Blessing* Food Drive**

Lafourche Parish Government employees collected 838 items in their Christmas Blessing Food Drive that took place between November 22 and December 14. Employees collected items at three parish offices which were open for a total of 13 days during that period. Most of the items were donated by employees themselves, but a few members of the public donated to the drive as well.

Of the 838 items collected, there were 456 canned goods, 217 dry goods (pasta, sugar, etc.) and 23 other assorted food items. Additionally, 142 personal care items were donated such as blankets, tissue, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

“We are extremely pleased with the outcome of our food drive,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “Our employees showed their generosity at a time of year when everyone is monitoring their spending closely. My sincere thanks goes out to all our employees and the members of the public who participated in this event.”

Parish employees capped off the food drive with an Employee Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 14. At the luncheon, several employees were honored for years of service and other various awards. Among those recognized was the 2010 Employee of the Year Gwendolyn Chapman, the receptionist at the Mathews Government Complex.

All items collected from the food drive will now be sorted and donated to local charities who are also conducting drives of their own.

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