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Rep. Fritchey's Annual Helping Hands Campaign a Success *Program provides supplies to local service organizations*

CHICAGO – State Representative John Fritchey (D-11) today celebrated the overwhelming success of his 8th Annual Helping Hands Campaign. Working in collaboration with local community groups and merchants, Rep. Fritchey collected new hats, gloves, scarves and other clothing, as well as toys, canned goods and toiletries for those who are in need this winter.

“I am very proud to continue the tradition of the Helping Hands Campaign,” Fritchey said. “While helping those who are in need is a year-round responsibility, the holiday season in particular reminds us of how fortunate we are and inspires the spirit of giving.”

Numerous neighborhood organizations as well as local merchants helped make this year's drive a success. Participants included:

Conexion Salon and Spa	Park West Community Association
Greater Rockwell Organization	Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce
Hansen Realty	Ravenswood Community Council
Lakeview Chamber of Commerce	ReMax Exclusive Properties
Lincoln Belmont Branch Library	Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Park Branch Library	Roscoe Village Neighbors
Lincoln Park Market	Sulzer Regional Library
Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce	West DePaul Neighbors
NorthCenter Chamber of Commerce	

“I sincerely appreciate the help of all the local groups to try to improve life for some of the less fortunate individuals in our community,” said Rep. Fritchey. “The generosity of our neighbors during these tough economic times has been heartwarming. Thanks to the hard work of our neighborhood organizations, this year our collections increased tremendously over last year's allowing us to assist many additional families.”

“Across our nation Americans are taking action in their communities through one of 12,000 organized service projects, including hundreds in Chicago and almost a dozen in our north-side neighborhood. On the day we honor Dr. King and his many contributions to our country, I am thankful to the community organizations which made today's donation possible.”

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This year, the Campaign was able to assist several groups including **Lakeview Pantry** at 3831 N. Broadway, **Children's Memorial Hospital** at 2300 Children's Plaza, and **St. Vincent de Paul Center** at 2145 N. Halsted St.



State Rep. John Fritchey presents winter clothing and toiletries to St. Vincent de Paul Center and Lakeview Pantry who were among many organizations that helped make the Helping Hands Campaign a huge success this year. (Left to right: Rep. John Fritchey; Denise Howard, Director of Outreach; Ronald Hargrave, Outreach Coordinator; and Jacob Vervynckt, Assistant Coordinator, Lakeview Pantry.)

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