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**BCS Passes Along Over \$11 Million Worth of Essentials to Needy in 2005, Thanks to Product Donors**

Donations of food and other essential household items poured in to BCS at a record-breaking pace in 2005--an estimated 7.5 million pounds of product that was then distributed through the BCS warehouse, a 20% increase over 2004. BCS thanks our extraordinary product donors for making it possible for us to re-direct their surplus product to the pantries, refrigerators, and tables of neighbors in need—product that would otherwise be dumped in landfills. Along with fresh, frozen and packaged foods, products that were passed along by BCS included over-the-counter medicines, personal hygiene items, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and both new and used clothing and boots.