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**CHA COMMISSIONER KEY PART OF EFFORT  
TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR FAMILIES WHO NEED IT MOST  
More than 2,000 items distributed**

Dr. Mildred C. Harris, a member of the CHA Board of Commissioners and President and CEO of God First Ministries, proudly announced the donation of almost 70 boxes of canned goods, to be given to residents of the CHA's ABLA housing development on the city's near west side.

All total, more than 2,000 items were distributed to residents at a time of year when being able to enjoy togetherness and laughter and to share meals is even more heightened.

"It is important all year, but especially important during the holidays, to offer families a chance to participate in the traditional holiday way," said Dr. Harris. Deverra Beverly, Local Advisory Council president of ABLA, was very pleased that ABLA was chosen to receive such a showing of care and concern.

"I am totally elated that Commissioner Harris and God First Ministries contributed so generously," Beverly said. "This is the first time that the ABLA community has received this kind of donation from a private organization and we are totally grateful."

This is just one example of what can happen when faith-based organizations are aware of what is happening in communities and are willing to provide the kind of basic necessities that, often, are taken for granted.

"For many of the people receiving these food items, the need is great," Dr. Harris said. "Therefore our commitment to helping must be greater."

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