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For Immediate Release:

FOOD -- AND LOTS OF IT -- BEING COLLECTED FOR AREA FOOD PANTRY

CHARLESTON -- Wanted: Non-perishable food items. LOTS of non-perishable food items. Thirty-thousand pounds worth, to be exact.

This is the goal which Eastern Illinois University's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha has set for itself in conjunction with the North American Food Drive, scheduled to take place Saturday, Nov. 6.

Steve Zielinski, local chapter president, explained that the drive -- the largest single-day philanthropy in the United States -- unites 206 Lambda Chi Alpha chapters nationwide as each group does its part to collect donations for those in need. The national goal has been set at two million pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items.

This year, he added, the EIU chapter with its nearly 70 members has established

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a local goal of collecting 30,000 pounds of goods from area businesses and residents. It is also a lofty goal; the group collected 2,000 pounds in 1998.

"We are confident that the city of Charleston will support our efforts for this worthy cause," Zielinski said. All food and/or monetary donations collected locally will go to the Charleston Food Pantry.

He added that in order to achieve their goal, local fraternity members are basically "pounding the pavement." In addition to visiting businesses, the men are traveling door-to-door, placing paper bags on residents' porches and near doorsteps. Individuals wishing to donate items to the drive are asked to fill those bags and return them to their doorsteps Saturday morning. Lambda Chi Alpha members will pick them up during the day.

Anyone wishing to donate items but, for whatever reason, fails to get a bag should contact Zielinski at 581-6880.

Additional efforts by the fraternity include the distribution of flyers at area grade schools; the class collecting the largest number of cans will be treated to a pizza party, Zielinski said.

And, he added, the business with the largest contribution will win 25 tickets to the EIU/Illinois State football game, set to begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at O'Brien Stadium. Lambda Chi Alpha will also treat those ticket-holders to a cook-out prior to the game.