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**Young Leaders Are Hungry for Change:
See How These Leaders Are Making It Happen**

Chicago, IL – Injustice is everywhere; leaders doing something meaningful about those injustices are not.

That's why it's important to lift up the courageous few fighting to make a change. When those "courageous few" are 7th and 8th grades, as is the case here with the Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, then that's really something special to acknowledge.

In this case, the injustice is hunger. And it's hitting the African-American community particularly hard. For perspective, 70% of the people facing food insecurity in Chicago are African American, and 1 in 3 are children. These young leaders see how people are struggling with hunger and, with their motto being "take a stand, lend a hand", wanted to do something about it.

So, they partnered with the Chicago-based, national non-profit Social Change to create a pop-up food pantry on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Metcalfe Community Academy from 2-4pm.

All people need to do to participate is drive up to 12339 S. Normal Avenue and these young leaders will load up your car so, at least for a time, some families will be able to eat.

"It makes me sad that there are people in my community who don't have enough to eat, and I want to help. This pop up pantry shows everyone that kids can make a big difference" said Gabrielle Barbosa, a 7th grade student from Jack and Jill.

Todd Belcore, the Executive Director of Social Change added, "Everyday, we're fighting for our lives. Police murder us. Stores close on us. Resources that go to others never reach us. So, Social Change and Jack and Jill are coming together to create a safe space for people to come and get the things they need simply to survive."

And Social Change isn't the only organization supporting this important effort. This initiative is also made possible thanks to the generous support of individual donors, local restaurant Soul & Smoke, local non-profit Gifts from Liam, and international brands like Tyson Foods and Sara Lee.

The pop-up food pantry is just one way the Jack and Jill's Chicago Chapter is working to address the pressing needs of our communities. In June, the organization sponsored the peaceful Kids Protest which attracted over 1000 community members who marched and rallied in Bronzeville.

About The Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill of America and Social Change

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is an organization of mothers with children ages 2-19 who are dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. Chartered in 1947, The Chicago Chapter now has over 100 members and is the largest in the Chicagoland area.

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