



# NATIONAL COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM ASSOCIATION

## FY 2008 BUDGET REQUEST

On behalf of low-income seniors and women and their infants and young children in need of the prescribed packages of nutritious food made available through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), we request not only the rejection of the proposal to eliminate CSFP, but also consideration of increases in program resources.

At a modest cost of \$15.85 per monthly food package, CSFP leverages the efforts and energy of thousands of volunteers at churches and charities across America to deliver essential nutrition with a retail value in excess of \$50.00 per month to vulnerable members of "The Greatest Generation" and to help at-risk members of the next generation get a healthy start. The appropriations required and the benefits anticipated are as follows:

- To continue serving the **485,614** needy seniors (91% of participants), women, infants and children (9% of participants) currently enrolled in CSFP. *\$123 Million*

- To serve the **22,577** individuals who received a food package through the supplemental caseload provided to hurricane ravaged Gulf states. *\$4.3 Million*

- To meet USDA's commodity procurement expenses. *\$.7 Million*

Total Appropriation required to serve the **507,993** people who rely upon CSFP for supplemental nutrition..... **\$128 Million**

- To begin meeting the needs of **20,500** eligible seniors in the 5 states with USDA approved plans: Arkansas (5,000), Delaware (2,500), Oklahoma (5,000), New Jersey (5,000) and Utah (3,000). *\$3.9 Million*

- To serve an additional **100,827** individuals among of our nation's most vulnerable individuals in the 32 states with existing programs and documented additional needs. *\$25.5 Million*

Total Appropriation needed to maximize this program's effectiveness in serving **629,518** seniors and women and their infants and young children challenged by hunger ..... **\$157.4 Million**