September 26, 2007 - Cor Unum Meal Center Celebrates Successful First Year and 100,000 Meals Served.

One Year. 100,000 Meals. 1,000,000 Thanks!

Meal Center projects continued growth to meet increased demand.

Lawrence, MA – The Cor Unum Meal Center today announced it has served 100,000 meals during its first year of operation. Cor Unum (“One Heart” in Latin) was established to address the vast unmet nutritional needs in Lawrence, a community in which 75 percent of children are at risk of hunger. Unlike a typical “soup kitchen”, Cor Unum has the atmosphere of an upscale restaurant, and serves guests with a taste of dignity, something many have never experienced.

The need for proper nutrition is at an all time high, and we expect that trend to continue,” explains Diane Jarvis, Executive Director of Cor Unum. “We are grateful to Labels Are For Jars for their continued support, to the Greater Boston Food Bank for donating most of the food, and to all of the volunteers that help keep Cor Unum operating on a daily basis.”

Cor Unum is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and offers guests a varied menu of nutritious, well-balanced free meals prepared on site; a food pantry, for the provision of food in the form of groceries; as well as an opportunity to socialize with others in a warm, friendly, accepting atmosphere.

“Cor Unum offers a nourishing environment for the body, soul, and spirit of those in need,” explains Father Paul B. O’Brien, chairperson of Cor Unum and LAFJ. “As long as one person in our city needs food, the doors of Cor Unum will be open.”

Cor Unum is a not-for-profit meal center accessible to anyone who is in need of food, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or way of life. For additional information, including volunteer opportunities, and hours of operation please visit corunummealcenter.org.

Labels Are For Jars raises money to fund operation of the Cor Unum Meal Center by selling thought-provoking products, which help to undermine societal labeling. The group recently launched its annual holiday gift campaign, which encourages consumers to give Labels Gear for holiday gifts. The 2007 campaign features the Labels Skull Cap by John Varvatos and 100% of the profit goes to Cor Unum. For more information or to make a purchase, please visit www.labelsareforjars.org.

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