

# FAME Assistance Corporation Meeting the Needs of the Community

During this holiday season when some families are finding harder to make ends meet, FAME Assistance Corporation (FAC), remains a beacon of hope. Since the launch of the FAME So Fresh Produce Market in August 2009, FAC one of the key partners who helped create the open-air market, has been distributing free groceries to low-income seniors and people with disabilities. FAC and FAME Church staff members sort, bag and deliver fresh fruits and vegetables to residents living at various FAME Housing units.

“We are here to assist and serve in every way that we can,” said Denise Hunter, President and Chief Operating Officer of FAME Assistance Corporation. “For those who are not able to make it to the market, we bring the market to them. All of us at FAC want to ensure that the vulnerable members of our community are cared for and eating healthy.”

The opening of the FAME So Fresh Produce Market has been a tremendous success. In addition to providing access to healthy food alternatives, FAC has hired local youths as market employees. The young people receive hands-on experience working in the produce industry – providing them with essential teamwork, customer service and interpersonal skills.

For some student workers, the job is the very first that they’ve had, giving them valuable work experience.



(Top and bottom photos) FAME staff sorting grocery items for distribution to area residents



L-R, FAME staff delivering groceries to a local resident.

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