Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen

Goals:

- 1. To develop and awareness of hunger.
- 2. To increase awareness among children about the prevalence and causes or hunger.
- 3. To foster and promote community values and empathy among children.

Materials:

o *Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen* by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan

Reading and Discussion:

- 1. Read aloud and discuss, Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen.
- 2. Suggested Questions
 - a. What happens in this book?
 - b. What do we learn from this story?
 - c. How does that apply to our community?
- 3. Following the discussion of the book, have the students discuss hunger and giving. Suggested discussions starters:
 - a. Have you ever been hungry? What did it feel like?
 - b. How does it feel when you are well fed?
 - c. Why are some people very hungry?
 - d. What kind of people do you think are hungry?
 - e. Where do you see hunger?
 - f. Where can hungry people go for food?

Activities:

- 1. Have students draw pictures of what it feels like to be hungry vs. well fed.
- 2. Provide the first sentence or two of a story about a child who is hungry. Have each student add a sentence to the story.