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### **Tillery Valley's Festive Feast Goes a Long Way...**

Following its recent support of the opening of a local FareShare depot, Tillery Valley, a national meal provider to the public sector, will be going an extra mile this Christmas by asking staff to offer their services to the food redistribution charity for a week beginning on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011.



The partnership between the contract caterer and the charity began two years ago and has developed considerably in recent months when Tillery Valley became the first firm to provide food supplies to FareShare's Cardiff depot, which opened in July this year. Whilst the company has been providing frozen 'overs' to the charity for some time, Tillery Valley now also supplies its chilled 'overs' to the Cardiff depot in order to reduce waste and relieve poverty across the UK.

With the intention of strengthening this relationship even further, Tillery Valley staff were asked if they'd be willing to help out at the depot in the run up to Christmas when homeless people can be at their most vulnerable. Several volunteers offered their services to help FareShare with the organisation of food, packaging, and distribution which will take place on a number of dates from 6<sup>th</sup> December. Employees who will be attending include Phil Hall, Site Director, Denis Farrell, Purchasing Director, Russell Lane, Low Risk Manager, Jeff Dunlop, Operations Manager and Phil Binding, Distribution Manager.

In addition to providing food to FareShare and offering staff services to the charity, Tillery Valley also donates £5 for every pallet that is collected from its production plant in South Wales, which helps to fund training for FareShare volunteers.



Tillery Valley Site Director, Phil Hall, says:

“We are 100% committed to improving our sustainability and the FareShare scheme is a great example of how food companies can give something back to the community and reduce waste at the same time.

He continues:

“The number of Tillery Valley employees that volunteered to help out at the depot is proof that all our staff are behind the scheme and want to do their bit for the community at this festive but often lonely time of year.”

Keith Mason, Keith Manson, FareShare Cymru Depot Director says:

“Once again Tillery Valley has gone out of their way to support us and I cannot stress enough how grateful we are. The homeless can often be forgotten when we’re tucking into our turkey and mince pies over Christmas but it is a time where they need nutrition more than ever, and this is why we need more companies like Tillery Valley to reach out and help.”