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# Island reaps benefits of Boston's giant loss

## Super Bowl bet between mayors gives city's food pantries an extra boost

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Mamie Daniels doesn't watch much football, but she did get to see the Giants beat the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII.

"They seem like they're hurting each other, so I waited almost to the end to watch," said the director of the Outreach Ministry of Stapleton UAME Church. "I'm glad New York won."

The soup kitchen and twice-weekly Kids Cafe at her church benefited from that win, thanks to a bet Mayor Michael Bloomberg made with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

The mayors wagered delicacies from New York and Boston, with the winner giving his cache to a charity of his choice.

And so it came to pass this week that City Harvest received New England clam chowder, Boston cream pies, Parker House rolls, Brigham's "Boston You're My Home" ice cream and other items from the city famous for its Tea Party.

City Harvest's chef Keltus Campo chose a feeding program in each borough to receive the donations, and called Mrs. Daniels, an Advance Woman of Achievement, the day after the big game to tell her about her winnings.

"I never heard from him again, so I thought they forgot about us," said the New Brighton resident. But yesterday, the City Harvest truck pulled up outside the Tompkins Avenue church and delivered cases of Old Tyme Hot Dogs, Alfresco chicken sausages, and pounds and pounds of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

"These are going to the Kids Cafe," Mrs. Daniels said as she unpacked the hot dogs. "We thank Boston and Mayor Bloomberg and we thank the Giants."

But no Boston cream pie?

No problem.

"We're having peach cobbler for dessert today," she said.

The mayors' bet also sent 2,008 footballs, donated by Modell's and Wilson Sporting Goods, to after-school programs around the city, including the Beacon program run by United Activities Unlimited at Egbert Intermediate School in Midland Beach.

Had the Giants lost, Bloomberg was going to send pizza from Goodfella's, pastrami and corned beef sandwiches donated by the Carnegie Deli, mountains of confections courtesy of Junior's and Manhattan clam chowder, among other goodies.

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