

Pit stop with a purpose



Ena China (left) and granddaughters Psalmari Thorpe, 8, Otavia Clarke, 8 and Azaree Rodriguez, 6, reap the bounty from the back of the Fair Foods truck at one of its many stops in Dorchester. *Photo by Kendra Stanton Lee*

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It is 10:30 on a humid Friday morning and the Fair Foods truck is on time. So are their customers.

The line queuing up to the back of the truck parked at the corner of Adams and Whitten Streets is 10 deep, each customer eager to know what today's surplus will afford. Today there are potatoes and onions, just like last week's shipment. But there is also corn, and bottles of soda, too.

Volunteer Jason Cammarata is sweating under his straw hat as he heaves heavy bags off the truck. One Spanish-speaking customer asks him about the soda. He explains, "This soda is 'feo,'" — or ugly — "on the outside,

but 'muy bonito,' — that is, very pretty — on the inside." The food is sold for a dollar a bag out of the back of a 1972 U-Haul style truck. Its side panels read "The Mover."

It is appropriate signage for an organization that has been doing a lot of moving and shaking in Boston for nearly 20 years. Fair Foods began in the mid-1980s



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