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City of Newark Flags to Remain at Half-Staff for Valentino Nardo, Sr.

Newark, DE (March 8, 2012) – City flags will remain at half-staff through Monday, March 12, 2012 in honor of the passing of community leader Valentino Nardo, Sr. who passed away Monday, March 5, 2012.

Mr. Nardo was a volunteer and local community leader who fought against hunger. He helped provide food to thousands of people over the years and encouraged and inspired others to join in the fight against hunger and helping those in need. Mr. Nardo founded Val's Needy Family Fund in 1968, which was dedicated to providing food to those who needed it. Val's Needy Family Fund later became a part of the Newark Area Welfare Committee, which would receive over \$5,000 worth of canned goods, fruit and bread each year for their Holiday Food Box Program. Additionally, Mr. Nardo supported the Meals on Wheels program, sponsored by the Newark Senior Center, providing hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors.

Mr. Nardo was recognized for his community service twice with the prestigious Jefferson Award and in the early 1970's named Delaware Man of the Year by then-Senator Joe Biden.

Mr. Nardo was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club, the Newark Morning Rotary Club and the Newark Lions Club.

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