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STAMP OUT HUNGER! TO BENEFIT SEVENTEEN LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

CONCORD, NH — On Saturday, May 8, seventeen local food pantries and social service agencies will receive non-perishable food from Merrimack County's 17th annual Stamp Out Hunger! event. Local U.S. Postal Service letter carriers will collect food items from when delivering the day's mail.

According to Valerie Guy from the United Way of Merrimack County, "Stamp Out Hunger! is a collaborative effort of the local U.S. Postal Service, the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) and the United Way of Merrimack County. This is an easy way for the community to help those in need. Local agencies work tirelessly to reduce hunger, and Stamp Out Hunger! supports these agencies in their work."

To help *Stamp Out Hunger!* in Merrimack County on May 8, residents may place a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal, next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on May 8. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans. Donated food will be sorted and packaged and provided to 17 of the CRFP's partner agencies at the end of the day's events.

Visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org for more information on how to organize a food drive, to donate and to volunteer, and to find a list of partner agencies supported by CRFP efforts.

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The Capital Region Food Program, in association with social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups, has been dedicated to the elimination of hunger in Greater Concord Area since 1974 through distribution of food to individuals and families.

On an annual basis, the CRFP distributes over 100 tons of food through two initiatives. Thirty-five (35) tons of food is distributed through the Year Round Distribution Project and over sixty-five (65) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire Army National Guard each December.

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