

# Capital Region Food Program

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### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

#### PROJECT:

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### YEAR ROUND DISTRIBUTION

#### PROJECT:

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## OVER 2500 LOCAL FAMILIES RECEIVE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET FROM CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM

CONCORD, NH — Over 2500 families in Concord and 17 surrounding communities in Merrimack County were served in December by the Capital Region Food Program's 37<sup>th</sup> Holiday Food Basket Project (HFBP). In addition, over 1100 individuals volunteered as part of the project.

Maria Manus Painchaud, chair of the Holiday Food Basket Project, states, "This year, we served more families than ever. Over 73 tons of food was purchased by the Capital Region Food Program, as well as being donated through various food drives sponsored by area schools, businesses, churches, and organizations. While we sincerely wish there was no need for this program, we are deeply grateful to the larger community for their unwavering support of the work we are privileged to do."

In addition, thirteen local social service agencies received over 2 tons of non-perishable food items as part of the program's Year-Round Distribution Project on December 26. Participating agencies included: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Church of God, Loudon Food Pantry, Merrimack Valley Daycare, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John the Evangelist/St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Paul's Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Peter's Church/St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information about the Capital Region Food Program, visit [www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org](http://www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org).

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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 which is held eleven times a year. 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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