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Bourbeau and Whatmough Named 2015 Volunteer Heroes.

Concord, N.H. (December 22, 2015) — The Capital Region Food Program named Debra Bourbeau of Bow and Jackie Whatmough of Concord, N.H, as their 2015 Volunteer Hero Award winners at the 42nd Annual Blessing of the Baskets ceremony last week at the National Guard Armory.

Board Chair, Peter Hayden presented the awards to Mrs. Bourbeau and Mrs. Whatmough as First Gentleman, Tom Hassan looked on. "It is with great appreciation that we present these two very deserving individuals with this recognition for their work to alleviate hunger in the greater Concord area", said Hayden.

The Volunteer Hero Award was established in 2008 and recognizes individuals who have provided extraordinary service to the organization over a long period of time, who strongly believe in the mission of the CRFP and who have demonstrated the ability to secure support for the program from the community.

This year's winners have supported the program for over 35 years, combined. Bourbeau and Whatmough have supported both the annual Holiday Food Basket Project and the monthly Year Round Distribution Project for many years. They are a constant source of support to the Capital Region Food Program, valuable collaborators with our partner agencies and passionate ambassadors in the community.

Visit <u>www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org</u> to learn more about the Holiday Food Basket Project, how to volunteer with the program and to find a list of partner agencies supported by their efforts.

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The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help reduce hunger in the Greater Concord area through year-round distribution of food to individuals and families. Since 1974 this has been accomplished by securing financial donations and in-kind services and by coordination, collaboration, and cooperation with other community distribution and service agencies.

The CRFP distributes over 100 tons of food annually through two initiatives. Thirty-five (35) tons of food is distributed through the Year Round Distribution Project which is held eleven times a year. Over seventy (70) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard each December.

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