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Food Program Takes a Bite out of Summer Hunger.

Concord, N.H. (August 7, 2013) — “Hungry for summer” doesn’t mean the same thing for all children in the greater Concord area. While summer means a break from school, it also means missing meals for many local children. These children rely on free-or-reduced lunch (and breakfast) programs at school as part of their daily nutrition plan. When school is out, these meals may not be available.

On August 13, the Capital Region Food Program will distribute 3 tons of non-perishable food. The \$7,200 worth of food will go to nineteen area food pantries, social service agencies and church groups in the greater Concord area as part of the Year-Round Distribution Project. This program provides food to these organizations each month, **at no cost**. Outreach in the summer is critical to support local children and their families, while school is out.

Recipient agencies include: Boscawen Congregational Church, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Church of God, Immaculate Conception Church, Loudon Food Pantry, McKenna House, Merrimack Valley Day Care, Pittsfield Food Pantry, Salvation Army, St. John’s Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul’s Food Pantry, St. Peter’s Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, Suncook CAP, The Friendly Kitchen, Town of Boscawen and United Church of Penacook.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the Capital Region Food Program purchases and donates non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups eleven times annually to over thirty local agencies. **Every dollar donated to the organization buys food.**

Visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org to learn how to organize a food drive, to donate and to volunteer 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 sixty-five (65) 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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