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This December marks the 44th consecutive year the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) has collected, purchased, and distributed food to individuals, families, and social service agencies in Concord and the surrounding seventeen communities. Our mission is to help reduce hunger and we accomplish this through a completely volunteer effort, involving over 1,000 individuals and numerous area businesses and organizations. There is no paid staff and all funds donated are used exclusively for the purchase of food.

With the generosity of supporters like you, the Holiday Food Basket Project has provided our neighbors in need a wonderful holiday meal and often enough food to sustain a family of four for 2-3 additional weeks. The cumulative effect of the CRFP translates into over 2,900 tons of food, with of a value over \$2,750,000. Preparations are well underway for 2017. Last year over 2,100 families received assistance. Unfortunately, the need is as great this year. Please consider making a contribution to help reduce hunger and food insecurity in our communities.

While the holiday project is our most visible program, for 26 years the CRFP has also purchased and distributed food monthly, to area partner agencies at no cost to them, through our Year-Round Distribution Project. Since January, 30 agencies have received over 39 tons of food (valued over \$67,000) supplementing their efforts to feed the hungry and allowing them to use their limited resources to provide other types of assistance such as rent, medical care, utility payments, etc. This project now represents over 40% of our annual budget.

Please support this important public-private sector initiative with your tax-deductible donation. The continued generosity of individuals like you makes it possible for us to help those in need during the holiday season as well as throughout the year.

With deep appreciation,



Steven R. Painchaud, Chair
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