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HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

PROJECT:

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RE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

Thanks to the support and generosity of so many individuals, organizations and businesses, the Capital Region Food Program's 2016 Holiday Food Basket project was a tremendous success. This was the forty-third consecutive holiday season that the CRFP has provided food to those in need in our communities. More than 4,100 food baskets were delivered to 2,088 families. This equates to approximately 7,000 individuals.

Over 1,000 individuals took shifts at the National Guard Armory to assist in sorting purchased and donated food, bagging potatoes and apples, constructing and filling the boxes, shipping out to satellite locations, and driving and delivering to recipients. There were first time volunteers and some with 40+ years of service. Families, individuals, and groups of coworkers gave their time to make this another successful year. Check out some video clips posted on our website at:

<http://capitalregionfoodprogram.org/videoArchive.html>

While the Holiday Food Basket Project is the CRFP's most visible undertaking, during the 2016 calendar year an additional 40 tons of food was distributed at no cost to our collaborating soup kitchens, food pantries, and social service agencies through our Year Round Distribution Project. This just-in-time effort to provide food throughout the year now represents approximately 45% of our annual budget.

Please know that none of what we do can be accomplished without the continued support and generosity of our many contributors and volunteers. So, on behalf of the families and individuals we serve at holiday time and throughout the year, thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Painchaud, Chair of the Board of Trustees
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