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Lincoln Financial Foundation Grant Helps Food Program Support Diverse Community Needs.

Concord, N.H. (September 25, 2013) — The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) is pleased to be the recipient of an \$8,000 grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation to support its 40th Annual Holiday Food Basket Project. Lincoln Financial and its predecessor companies have been strategic partners to the CRFP for more than 30 years; supporting the organization through financial contributions, food drives, and numerous employee volunteers.

As the individuals receiving food assistance in Concord and the surrounding communities continue to grow in diversity, the project seeks to provide the kinds of food items that better meet their dietary and cultural needs. The grant will assist in the purchase of products such as rice, dried beans, lentils, canned fruits with flip top cans, and packaged tuna that can be placed in recipient food baskets along with fresh vegetables, bread and poultry.

”As Concord’s population changes and becomes more diverse, it’s critical for our holiday food programs be sensitive to changing needs and adapt,” said Byron Champlin, Lincoln Foundation’s Concord program officer. “We were pleased to help with this transition, as well as offset rising food prices.”

Since 1974, the Holiday Food Basket Project has provided food to families and individuals for a special holiday meal and an additional two to three weeks. More than 74 tons of food was distributed to over 2500 families throughout Concord and 17 surrounding communities in 2012.

This year, the event will take place from December 16 – 26. For more information on the program, or to volunteer, please visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

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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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