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Lincoln Financial Foundation Grant Helps Feed Local Children.

Concord, N.H. (December 1, 2014) — The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) is pleased to be the recipient of an \$8,400 grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation. 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.

The 2014 grant will support the Year Round Distribution Project efforts to provide much needed baby food items to their partner agencies. These funds will allow the CRFP to offer agencies the option to receive baby food on a monthly basis - beginning in November. This is in addition to the standard staple food items they currently receive and will help meet the increasing need for baby food that these agencies have been experiencing.

According to [Feeding America](#) “Good nutrition, particularly in the first three years of life, is important for establishing a good foundation that has implications for a child’s future physical and mental health, academic achievement, and economic productivity. Unfortunately, food insecurity is an obstacle that threatens that critical foundation. Food insecurity can be particularly devastating among children due to their increased vulnerability and the potential for long-term consequences”.

”Food programs must be responsive to the changing needs of the families they serve,” said Byron Champlin, Lincoln Foundation’s Concord program officer. “We are pleased to help with this new initiative supporting our littlest citizens in the Capital Region each month.”

To learn more about the Year Round Distribution Project, the upcoming Holiday Food Basket Project, 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.