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1.75 TONS OF FOOD DONATED TO LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, FOOD PANTRIES & CHURCHES

CONCORD, NH — Eleven local agencies and their clients are the beneficiaries of 1.75 tons of non-perishable food as part of the as part of the Capital Region Food Program's (CRFP) Year-Round Distribution Project in June.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the CRFP purchases and donates non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups ten times annually to over thirty local agencies. In addition, the CRFP partners with the United Way of Merrimack County and the local U.S. Postal Carriers' Association each May to donate food collected through the U.S. Postal Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

Participating agencies in June included: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church, Boscawen Human Services, Concord Human Services, Belknap/Merrimack County Community Action Program, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends of Forgotten Children, St. Paul's Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Peter's Church/St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Suncook Community Action Program.

Visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org for more information on how to organize a food drive, to donate or to volunteer. A list of partner agencies supported by CRFP efforts is also located online.

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The Capital Region Food Program, in association with social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups, has been dedicated to the elimination of hunger in Greater Concord Area since 1974 through distribution of food to individuals and families.

On an annual basis, the CRFP distributes over 100 tons of food through two initiatives. Thirty-five (35) tons of food is distributed through the Year Round Distribution Project which is held ten times throughout the year at Associated Grocers of New England. Sixty-five (65) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire Army National Guard each December.