

Capital Region Food Program

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HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

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YEAR ROUND DISTRIBUTION

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U.S. Postal Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger! Event Collects 5.5 Tons of Food

CONCORD, NH (May 16, 2012) — Sixteen local food pantries and social service agencies were the recipients of non-perishable food as a result of Merrimack County's 19th annual *Stamp Out Hunger!* event, held May 12. More than 60 volunteers sorted and packed donated food for pick up. Each year, more than 5 tons of food is collected and distributed locally through this collaborative effort of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Granite United Way-Merrimack County Region and the Capital Region Food Program.

Recipient agencies included: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Church of God, Immaculate Conception Church, McKenna House, Open Door Kitchen, Pittsfield Food Pantry, Salvation Army, St. John's – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, and St. Peter's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The following local businesses and individuals generously supported the day's efforts: New Hampshire Distributors, Coca-Cola Bottling of the Lakes Region, Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford Supermarket, Panera Bread, Papa Gino's, Sal's Pizza, Subway Sandwich (Epsom) and Starbucks.

Visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org for more information on how to organize a food drive, to donate and to volunteer, and to find a list of partner agencies supported by CRFP efforts.

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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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