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LOCAL STUDENT JOINS CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM IN COMMITMENT TO REDUCING HUNGER

CONCORD, NH — Merrimack Valley High School (MVHS) senior Jessica Sprague has selected the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) for her senior project. Sprague will be coordinating food drives in all of the Merrimack Valley School District, including select towns and libraries within the district. All goods and proceeds collected from the food drive, which will run from November 17, 2008 through December 12, 2008, will benefit the CRFP's Holiday Food Basket Project

Sprague, who is a member of the MVHS' Key Club and National Honor Society, will also be delivering presentations at the schools within the district in an effort to spread awareness and educate the public on the facts of hunger.

Holiday Food Basket Chair, Maria Manus Painchaud, stated that Jessica's project could not have come at a better time. "All indications are there will be a significant increase in need through our Holiday Food Basket Project, which in 2007 provided over 65 tons of food to over 1950 families. This work will assist in providing food to families and also educates local students about hunger in Concord and beyond."

The Capital Region Food Program uses the donations it receives to provide food to the local agencies in the 18 communities it services. Throughout the week of December 17th, the CRFP will prepare and deliver boxes of food to thousands of individuals and families in the Greater Concord area. If your organization would like to coordinate a food drive, please send an email to volunteer@capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

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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. For more information about the Capital Region Food Program, please visit: www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org.