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## CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM DISTRIBUTES OVER 7.5 TONS OF FOOD TO 18 LOCAL AGENCIES

CONCORD, NH — Eighteen local social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups were recipients of over 7.5 tons of non-perishable food, collected from local postal customers as part of the May 10<sup>th</sup> Letter Carriers of Greater Concord Food Drive.

This distribution is part of the Capital Region Food Program's monthly year-round distribution program (YRDP). For sixteen years, the United Way of Merrimack County, the Letter Carriers of Greater Concord, and the CRFP have collaborated to collect non-perishable food from postal customers and subsequently distribute the food to various social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups. This year over 100 volunteers participated in the event by sorting and boxing donated food.

The recipient agencies were: Belknap/Merrimack County Community Action Program, Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Boscawen Human Services, CenterPoint Food Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends for Forgotten Children, Immaculate Conception Church Food Pantry, McKenna House, Merrimack Valley Daycare, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John's the Evangelist - St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, St. Peter's Church - St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Salvation Army. In addition, West Congregational Church also received food as a result of the Food Drive.

The following local businesses generously supported the day's efforts: New Hampshire Distributors, Horn Packaging Corp.; Town and Country Reprographics; Bridge & Bryon Printers; Shaw's, Hannaford, and Market Basket supermarkets; Coca-Cola Bottling of the Lakes Region; Sal's Just Pizza; D'Angelo's (S. Main St.); Papa Gino's; Dominos (N. Main St.); Dunkin Donuts (Loudon Rd.); Constantly Pizza; In a Pinch; Panera Bread; and Subway Sandwich (Epsom).

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009.

The Capital Region Food Program's YRDP donates cases of food to local agencies ten times throughout the year. In 2007, the YRDP distributed over 30 tons of food to its participating organizations, which provided those donations to families in need in the Greater Concord Area.

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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.