

# Capital Region Food Program

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**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET**

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**YEAR ROUND DISTRIBUTION**

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## Press Release

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### OVER 7000 INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROJECT

CONCORD, NH — The Capital Region Food Program's 36<sup>th</sup> Holiday Food Basket Project (HFBP) served over 7000 individuals, or 2256 families, in Merrimack County.

According to Maria Manus Painchaud, chair of the Holiday Food Basket Project, "For our largest endeavor in 36 years, over 58 tons of food was purchased and an additional 12 tons of non-perishable food items were donated through various food drives sponsored by area schools, businesses, churches, and organizations and collectively distributed through the HFBP. We remain deeply grateful to those who give so generously to help those in need in Concord and 17 surrounding communities."

On December 26, ten local social service agencies were the recipients of over 4.6 tons of non-perishable food items as part of the program's Year-Round Distribution Project. Participating agencies included: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church, Centerpoint Food Pantry, First Congregational Church, Friends of Forgotten Children, Loudon Food Pantry, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John the Evangelist/St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Paul's Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Peter's Church/St. Vincent de Paul Society.

For more information about the Capital Region Food Program, visit [www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org](http://www.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.

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 eleven times a year. 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.

