

# 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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### U.S. POSTAL CARRIER'S STAMP OUT HUNGER! EVENT COLLECTS NEARLY 7 TONS OF FOOD

CONCORD, NH — Eighteen local food pantries and social service agencies were the recipients of non-perishable food as a result of Merrimack County's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Stamp Out Hunger! event, held May 8<sup>th</sup>. During the day, local U.S. Postal Service letter carriers collected nearly 7 tons of food items from when delivering the day's mail.

Recipient agencies included: Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Boscawen Human Services, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends of Forgotten Children, Immaculate Conception Church, Loudon Food Pantry, McKenna House, Merrimack Valley Daycare, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John's – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Peter's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Salvation Army. West Congregational Church also received food.

Stamp Out Hunger! is a collaborative effort of the United Way of Merrimack County, the U.S. Postal Carriers, and the Capital Region Food Program. The following local businesses and individuals generously supported the day's efforts: New Hampshire Distributors, Coca-Cola Bottling of the Lakes Region, Sal's Just Pizza, Constantly Pizza, Panera Bread, Subway Sandwich (Epsom), Mostafa El-Sherif, DMD, Sal Alosa and Merrimack County Savings Bank.

Visit [www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org](http://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, 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.

