

# Capital Region Food Program

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### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

#### PROJECT:

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### YEAR ROUND DISTRIBUTION

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## ASSOCIATED GROCERS OF NEW ENGLAND DONATES \$5000 TO CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM

CONCORD, NH – The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) received a \$5000 donation from Associated Grocers of New England as part of the CRFP's April Year-Round Distribution Project on Tuesday, April 12.

Rick Wheeler, AG New England Vice President of Wholesale Merchandising & Procurement states, "As many in our community struggle economically, programs such as the Capital Region Food Program are vital to help serve those in need, AG New England is pleased to lend our support as the CRFP continues to provide over 30 tons of non-perishable food through its Year Round Distribution Project each year."

"Community partners such as the Associated Grocers of New England allow the Capital Region Food Program to continue our work in reducing hunger in Merrimack County", states John M. Greabe, CRFP chair. "We are grateful for their on-going support."

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the CRFP purchases and donates non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups eleven times annually to over thirty local agencies. In addition, the CRFP partners with the United Way of Merrimack County and the local U.S. Postal Carriers' Association each May to donate food collected through the U.S. Postal Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Rick Wheeler (Vice President of Wholesale Merchandising & Procurement, AGNE), Erin Reardon (Chair, Year-Round Distribution Project), John Greabe (Chair, Capital Region Food Program), and Jim Gaudet (Senior Loss Prevention Officer, AGNE), April 12, 2011.

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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.

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