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16 LOCAL AGENCIES TO RECEIVE 2.7 TONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FROM CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM

CONCORD, NH — Sixteen local social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups will receive approximately 2.7 tons of non-perishable food as part of the Capital Region Food Program's (CRFP) Year-Round Distribution Project in September.

Recipient agencies for the distribution included: Belknap/Merrimack Community Action Program, Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Boscawen Human Services, Blueberry Express Day Care, Centerpoint Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Christ the King Parish: St. John's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, Christ the King Parish: St. Peter's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Gospel Light Church of God, Loudon Food Pantry, Merrimack Valley Day Care, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, and Suncook/Allenstown Community Action Program.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the CRFP purchases non-perishable food items such as canned fruit and vegetables, and peanut butter, breakfast cereal, rice, tuna, pasta, and beef stew monthly from Associated Grocers of New England and distribute them to over thirty local agencies annually. In addition, the CRFP Year Round Distribution Project collaborates with the U.S. Postal Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive in distributing the collected food to area soup kitchens, food pantries and social service agencies..

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

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The Capital Region Food Program is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help reduce hunger in the Greater Concord Area through year-round distribution of food to individuals and families. Since 1974 this has been accomplished by securing financial donations and in-kind services and by coordination, collaboration, and cooperation with other community distribution and service agencies.

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. Over sixty-five (65) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard each December.