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SEVENTEEN CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM PARTNER AGENCIES BENEFIT FROM "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE

CONCORD, NH — Five hundred and ten cases of non-perishable food was collected from local postal customers and donated to seventeen local social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups as part of the May 9th "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive. The food drive is managed through the collaborative efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers, the United Way of Merrimack County and the Capital Region Food Program.

"The generosity of Merrimack County residents cannot be understated," states Valerie Guy, Director of Marketing and Communications at the United Way of Merrimack County. "We are grateful for the community's support."

"Our mission is to help reduce hunger in Merrimack County. The community's contributions to "Stamp Out Hunger" illustrate their commitment to assisting those in need," says Cheryl A. Elliott, Chair of the Capital Region Food Program's Board of Trustees.

Nearly 100 volunteers participated in the event by sorting and boxing donated food which was then provided to: Belknap/Merrimack County Community Action Program, Blueberry Express, Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Boscawen Human Services, CenterPoint Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends of Forgotten Children, McKenna House, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John the Evangelist – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, St. Peter's – St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Salvation Army. In addition, the West Congregational Church also received food.

The following local businesses generously supported the day's efforts: New Hampshire Distributors, Coca-Cola Bottling of the Lakes Region; Sal's Just Pizza; Papa Gino's; Dominos (N. Main St.); Dunkin Donuts (Loudon Rd.); Constantly Pizza; In a Pinch; Panera Bread; and Subway Sandwich (Epsom).

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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 ten times throughout the year at Associated Grocers of New England. 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.

