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CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM BENEFICIARY OF \$3000 GIFT

CONCORD, NH — The congregation of Concord's East Congregational United Church of Christ donated \$3000 to the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) on March 1, 2009 during the church's first Lenten service of the season.

"East Church's generous, and quite unexpected, gift will help the Capital Region Food Program purchase approximately 1.5 tons of non-perishable food that we will distribute through our Year-Round Distribution Project to our partner agencies", states Cheryl A. Elliott, CRFP chair. "As demand for our services continues to increase, this gift helps the CRFP continue to serve 18 local communities in Merrimack County. The Capital Region Food Program is so fortunate to have groups like East Church who help us to further our mission of reducing hunger in the Greater Concord Area."

According to East Congregational United Church of Christ's Pastor Patricia Dubois, "The Congregation, led by the Trustees of East Church, are pleased to be able to support the Capital Region Food Program and the individuals and families that they serve. Donating to a program that supports Merrimack County supports those within our community, including families, friends, and co-workers that we know need help."

In the past 12 months, the CRFP has distributed more than 35 tons of food through it's Year Round Distribution Project. This food is distributed to over 30 local partner agencies who then stock the food in their pantries for families of need in the Greater Concord Area. In addition, the CRFP sponsors the Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire Army National Guard each December, where 65 tons of food is purchased and distributed.

Visit 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 ten times throughout the year in partnership with the 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.

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