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CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM SEEKS SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

CONCORD, NH — Local businesses, schools, service organizations, and youth groups are invited to host a non-perishable food drive to help The Capital Region Food Program's Holiday Food Basket Project (HFBP).

The HFBP will distribute over 65 tons of food to an estimated 1900 families in need throughout the Greater Concord area in December. While most of the food for this distribution is purchased by the Capital Region Food Program, local organizations hold their own food drive campaign to enhance the CRFP's holiday effort.

"With increased food costs, combined with an increase in demand for our services the generosity of the greater community allows us to further our assistance to those in need during the Holiday season", according to Maria Manus Painchaud, chair of the Holiday Food Basket Project and CRFP Treasurer.

Suggested items for the HFBP's non-perishable food drive include: breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, juice boxes, rice, soup, pasta, peanut butter, crackers, and snacks.

For more information on scheduling a non-perishable food drive, please e-mail crfpholiday@aol.com or call (603)224-1744. All donated food will be coordinated for drop-off at our operation headquarters in December.

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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 its 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 the Storrs Street Market Basket.** 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.