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NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTS JULY 2009 DISTRIBUTION FOR CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM

CONCORD, NH — Nearly 1100 non-perishable food items were donated by employees of the NH Department of Environmental Services as part of the part of the Capital Region Food Program's (CRFP) Year-Round Distribution Project in July.

"The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services employees understand that hunger is not a seasonal dilemma, but a continuous struggle. I am proud to say that we achieved our summertime food drive goal of collecting 1,000 items for the Capital Region Food Program. Our collection efforts focused on items that families could use since children are out of school and no longer receiving free school breakfast and lunch," said Tom Burack, Commissioner of the NHDES.

CRFP Chair John M. Greabe adds, "The Capital Region Food Program exists because of the public's continued generosity. NH DES' donation of nearly 1/2 of a ton of non-perishable food items puts food on our partner agency's shelves at a time when families in Merrimack County continue to struggle. We are grateful for the NH DES' commitment to helping us meet our mission of reducing hunger in Merrimack County."

Agencies receiving food during the July distribution include Belknap/Merrimack County Community Action Program, Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church, Boscawen Human Services, CenterPoint Pantry, Concord Human Services, Chichester Food Pantry, First Congregational Church, Friends of Forgotten Children, Friendly Kitchen, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, St. Peter's Church - St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Warner Community Action Program.

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 at Associated Grocers of New England. Sixty-five (65) tons of food is distributed

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through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire Army National Guard each December.