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NOVEMBER 2008 CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION BENEFITS FROM NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOOD DRIVE

CONCORD, NH — Nearly eleven tons of food was distributed to local social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups as part of the Capital Region Food Program's Year-Round Distribution Project in November. As part of this distribution, nearly thirty-five hundred non-perishable food items were donated by employees of the NH Department of Environmental Services as a result of a holiday food drive.

"The generosity of the employees from the NH Department of Environmental Services simply cannot be understated. These donated items, which are the equivalent of 1.5 tons of food, literally were on local food pantry shelves the same day they were donated. This allows our partner agencies to serve their clients in these troubled economic times", according to Cheryl A. Elliott, chair of the Capital Region Food Program.

"The NH Department of Environmental Services employees seized the holiday spirit and collected an amazing number of food items to help the Capital Region Food Program get food on the shelves of our local food pantries. NHDES challenges other state agencies and local businesses to beat our mark and collect more than 3,500 food items for the CRFP's Holiday Food Basket drive in December," said Tom Burack, Commissioner of NHDES.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the CRFP purchases and donates non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups ten times annual to over thirty local agencies. Each November, chickens and turkeys are also provided as part of the Year-Round Distribution Project.

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 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.

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