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The Capital Region Food Program - General Communication

RE: Thank you for a successful Holiday Voucher Pilot

The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) was pleased to introduce the 2022 Holiday Voucher Pilot to strengthen its mission to reduce hunger in the Greater Concord Area for individuals, families, and local agencies.

Due to the generosity and dedication of our community, the 2022 Holiday Voucher Pilot was a great success resulting in a 29% increase in recipient participation compared to the previous year. We expect participation to increase for years to come as this model provides more flexibility for recipients and allows for cultural, medical, life choices, and other dietary restrictions.

Since 1974, the non-profit has distributed more than 25,000 meals annually through the wellknown Holiday Food Basket Project in Concord and the surrounding 17 communities. Throughout this time, CRFP has consistently made modifications to best serve the needs of our local communities.

The Holiday Voucher Pilot is the most recent change that not only gives families and individuals the ability to tailor the assistance received but also maximizes the impact of community donations and reduces unintentional food waste. Preliminary data and early feedback from agencies and recipients have reassured the CRFP that this change exceeded expectations for streamlining a complex initiative into a more sustainable and effective program.

The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) thanks its many volunteers, contributors, and supporters. For nearly 50 years, because of you, we have been able to successfully continue our efforts in fulfilling our <u>mission</u> to help reduce hunger for those facing food insecurity in the Greater Concord Area

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Thank You.

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