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HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT SUPPORTS CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM WITH NON-PERISHABLE GOODS DONATION

CONCORD, NH — The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce will collect non-perishable goods at the Business After Hours event to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Concord, NH on Tuesday, December 8. In lieu of the event registration fee, each attendee is asked to bring four (4) non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP).

All items collected will be distributed to over 2000 families during the CRFP's 36th Holiday Food Basket Project. According to Maria Manus Painchaud, Chairperson of the Holiday Food Basket Project, "The donations we receive from this event help us to provide food for a holiday meal and for an additional three weeks to individuals and families throughout the Greater Capital Region. We sincerely appreciate the generous support of our community during these trying economic times."

The Holiday Food Basket Project begins on December 16, 2009 at the National Guard Armory on Pembroke Rd. in Concord and will conclude on December 26th. For more information on the HFBP and how you can help, please contact Maria Manus Painchaud by email at crfpholiday@aol.com or by telephone at 224-1744.

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 eleven times a year. 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.

