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GREATER CONCORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT BENEFITS CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM

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 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 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).

Donated items such as peanut butter, rice, pasta, soup, canned vegetables and fruit will be used by the CRFP in December when over 2400 Merrimack County families will receive two food boxes as part of the CRFP's 37th Holiday Food Basket Project. According to Maria Manus Painchaud, Chairperson of the Holiday Food Basket Project, "With tremendous support from our community, we are able to provide food for a holiday meal and for an additional three weeks to individuals and families throughout the Greater Capital Region."

The Holiday Food Basket Project begins on December 16, 2010 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 at (603)224-1744 or e-mail hfbp@capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

For more information about the Capital Region Food Program and the upcoming Holiday Food Basket Project, please visit www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

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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.

