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### **Press Release**

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# OVER 2.5 TONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATED TO 15 LOCAL AGENCIES

CONCORD, NH — Fifteen local social service agencies, area food pantries, and church groups were the recipients of 2.5 tons of non-perishable food as part of the Capital Region Food Program's (CRFP) Year-Round Distribution Project in March.

Recipient agencies for the distribution included: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church Food Pantry, Centerpoint Pantry, Concord Human Services, Chichester Food Pantry, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Church of God, Loudon Food Pantry, Pittsfield Food Pantry, St. John's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, St. Peter's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Suncook/Allenstown Community Action Program.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the CRFP partners with Associated Grocers of New England to purchase and donate non-perishable food items such as canned fruit and vegetables, and peanut butter, breakfast cereal, rice, tuna, pasta, and beef stew eleven times annually to over thirty local agencies. In addition, the CRFP partners with the United Way of Merrimack County and the local U.S. Postal Carriers' Association each May to donate food collected through the U.S. Postal Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

For more information about the Capital Region Food Program, please visit <a href="https://www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org">www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org</a>.

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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.

