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**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET
PROJECT:**
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PROJECT:**
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This December marks the **43rd consecutive year** the Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) has collected, purchased, and distributed food to individuals, families, and social service agencies in Concord and the surrounding seventeen communities. Our mission is to help reduce hunger and we accomplish this through a completely volunteer effort, involving over one thousand individuals and numerous area businesses and organizations. There is no paid staff and all funds donated are used exclusively for the purchase of food.

With the generosity of supporters like you, the Holiday Food Basket Project has provided our neighbors in need a wonderful holiday meal and often enough food to sustain a family of four for 2-3 additional weeks. The cumulative effect of the CRFP efforts translates into over 2,800 tons of food distributed to those in need, with a value in excess of \$2,500,000. Preparations are well underway for the 2016 Holiday Food Basket Project. Last year over 2,100 families (7,400+ individuals) received assistance. Unfortunately, the need is as great this year and we ask that you consider making a contribution to help reduce hunger and food insecurity in our communities.

While the holiday project is our most visible program, for 24 years the CRFP has also purchased and distributed food monthly to area social service agencies, at no cost to them, through our Year-Round Distribution Project. In 2016, thirty agencies received over 38 tons of food (at a value of over \$63,000) supplementing their efforts to feed the hungry and allowing them to use their limited resources to provide other types of assistance such as rent, medical care, utility payments, etc. This project now represents nearly 50% of our annual budget.

Please support this important public-private sector initiative to help alleviate hunger in our communities with your tax-deductible donation. The continued generosity of individuals like you makes it possible for us to help those in need during the holiday season as well as throughout the year. All money raised through this annual solicitation is used to purchase food.

With deep appreciation,



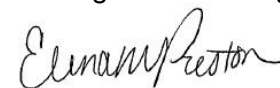
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