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More Agencies Requesting Help from Capital Region Food Program.

Concord, N.H. (October 12, 2014) — This fall, the Capital Region Food Program has seen an increase in requests from local agencies for food donations. In a typical month, the program supports eighteen agencies. On Tuesday, October 14, twenty-two area food pantries, social service agencies and church groups in the greater Concord area will receive just over 3.25 tons of food (worth more than \$7040) as part of the Year-Round Distribution Project. This program provides food to these organizations each month, at no cost.

Recipient agencies include: Blueberry Express Daycare, Boscawen Congregational Church, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Concord Human Services, Epsom Food Pantry, First Congregational Church, Friendly Kitchen, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Church of God, Immaculate Conception Food Pantry, Loudon Food Pantry, McKenna House, Merrimack Valley Day Care, Open Door Community Kitchen, Salvation Army, St. John's Church – St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Paul's Food Pantry, Suncook CAP, Town of Boscawen Human Services, Town of Chichester, West Congregational Church and United Church of Penacook.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, the Capital Region Food Program purchases and donates non-perishable items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups eleven times annually to local agencies. **Every dollar donated to the organization buys food.**

Visit <u>www.capitalregionfoodprogram.org</u> to learn how to organize a food drive, to donate and to volunteer and to find a list of partner agencies supported by their efforts.

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The Capital Region Food Program (CRFP) is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help reduce hunger in the Greater Concord area through year-round distribution of food to individuals and families. Since 1974 this has been accomplished by securing financial donations and in-kind services and by coordination, collaboration, and cooperation with other community distribution and service agencies.

The CRFP distributes over 100 tons of food annually through two initiatives. Thirty-five (35) tons of food is distributed through the Year Round Distribution Project which is held eleven times a year. Over sixty-five (65) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard each December.