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6,100 AREA RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM'S HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROJECT

CONCORD, NH — In December, during the Capital Region Food Program's (CRFP) 46th Annual Holiday Food Basket Project (HFBP), food baskets were distributed to 6,100 area residents in 18 communities. Each food basket contained items for a holiday meal as well as supplemental food items to assist residents in menu preparation for an additional two to three weeks.

HFBP Chair Maria Manus Painchaud states, "As part of our 2019 program, over 58 tons of food was purchased by the Capital Region Food Program for distribution. An additional seven tons of food was donated by area schools, businesses, churches, and civic organizations and purchased by the CRFP for distribution. We remain grateful to our community for their continued support of our work to combat hunger in the Capital region."

In addition, twelve partner agencies received nearly 14 tons of both perishable and non-perishable food as part of the CRFP's Year-Round Distribution Project (YRDP) on Thursday, December 26. Recipient agencies included: Boscawen Congregational Church, Centerpoint Food Pantry, Chichester Food Pantry, Christ the King Food Pantry – St. Vincent de Paul Society, Epsom Food Pantry, First Congregational Church Food Pantry, Friends of Forgotten Children, Gospel Light Food Pantry, Open Door Community Kitchen, St. Paul's Church Food Pantry, Warner Community Action Program (CAP), and West Congregational Church Food Pantry.

As part of the Year-Round Distribution Project, non-perishable, supplemental food items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, pasta, and soups are distributed at no cost to participating agencies. For a complete listing of partner agencies supported by the CRFP's Year-Round Distribution Project efforts, visit capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

To organize a food drive, donate food, or inquire about volunteer opportunities, please visit capitalregionfoodprogram.org.

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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 110 tons of food annually through two initiatives. Forty (40) tons of food is distributed through the Year-Round Distribution Project which is distributed eleven times each year to over thirty local agencies. Seventy (70) tons of food is distributed through the program's Holiday Food Basket Project, held in partnership with the New Hampshire National Guard each December.

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