

*I Give Because I've Been There...*  
*Turkey Trot Accepting Donations Through 8pm Tonight*

**Progress Towards Goal:**

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 4,512 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 11,359 individuals seeking help** for the holiday, based on requests placed through local food pantries and kitchens.

**Total # of turkeys needed to fill requests from all local families:**



**15,871**

The generous people of our region have also donated \$281,864 to help feed these families all year long, and build lasting solutions to hunger.

**News & Updates:**

*"I've been there...I know what it's like to be hungry.  
That's why I'm here today donating turkeys."*

It's a familiar story Foodshare hears throughout the year, but this morning as crowds gathered in Simsbury for the Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot ([view photos](#)), it was a recurring soundbite. Generous donors came from near and far to see WFSB's Scot Haney, bringing with them the spirit of the holiday season—many of them sharing stories as former recipients. Before the drive officially kicked off at 8:00 a.m., more than 1,400 turkeys had been collected, including 1,000 from Stop & Shop.

Committed partners from all over the region—such as Billy Grant Restaurant Group, iCare and even Buttonball Elementary in Glastonbury—have returned this year in support of Foodshare's Turkey and Thirty campaign, featuring donation sites and special events through November 22. The food bank has already begun to distribute turkeys and, with **more than 5,000 scheduled to fly out the door over the next two days**, they are counting on this kind of community support to meet every request.

The Turkey Trot continues today at nine locations across the Farmington Valley until 8:00 p.m. To learn how and where you can donate, visit [www.aturkeyand30.org](http://www.aturkeyand30.org) or call 860-856-HELP to donate by phone.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Voya Financial Turkey and Thirty Drive:** Thursday, Nov. 17 from 7am-9am @ 1 Orange Way in Windsor.

- **Back East Brewery Drive:** Friday, Nov. 18 from 4pm-7pm @ 1296 Blue Hills Ave. in Bloomfield. Donate a turkey to receive a free pint glass and beer tasting!

As of 11/16/16:

Community Donations	
Bank of America - \$20,000 Stop & Shop – 1,000 turkeys Bill Grant Restaurant Group – 800 turkeys Fathom - \$10,000 SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000 C&S Wholesale – 480 turkeys Hoffman Auto Group – 220 turkeys LAZ Parking – 200 turkeys iCare – 120 turkeys & \$761 ROGO Distributors - 160 turkeys	Chubb - \$1,700 Buttonball Elementary – 87 turkeys Aiello Home Services – 100 turkeys Macca Plumbing \$1,000 D'Esopo Funeral Chapel \$1,000 Peoples United Bank - \$1,000 Bouvier Insurance – 52 turkeys UA Local 777 Plumbers & Pipefitters – 52 turkeys Aerodyne Alloys - \$500 Valley Collector Car Club - \$500
Event Totals (community donations may be included in these numbers)	
Turkey Tuesday – 629 turkeys and \$24,984 Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot – 1,400 turkeys <i>and counting...</i> NBC “Connecting you to Joy” – 203 turkeys and \$1,038 Goodwin – 55 turkeys and \$1,465 Marketing Solutions Unlimited (West Hartford) – 134 turkeys and \$3,573 Aetna – 54 turkeys and \$1,756 Hartford Harley Owners Group Turkey Run – 42 turkeys and \$2,615	

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## About Foodshare

Foodshare is Greater Hartford’s regional food bank, working to nourish our neighbors every, single day by increasing access to healthy food. In addition to providing 11.5 million meals worth of food through 300 local programs each year, Foodshare is building collaborative partnerships across the region and advocating on behalf of those we serve, to help stabilize lives with one goal in mind—building a stronger and healthier Greater Hartford for us all. Join the movement today by visiting [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org).