

Turkey Trot Breaking Records, Drives Collecting Through 8pm *Plenty of places to make your donation before Foodshare's weekend distribution*

Progress Towards Goal:

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 5,089 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 11,099 individuals seeking help** for the holiday, based on requests placed through local food pantries and kitchens.

The generous people of our region have also donated \$363,155 to help feed these families all year long, and build lasting solutions to hunger.

News & Updates:

The Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot got off to a strong start this morning with 1,231 turkeys collected by WFSB's Scot Haney. Despite the early morning hours and cold temperatures, people from all over Greater Hartford stopped by bearing gifts. Even Stop & Shop made an appearance generously donating 1,000 turkeys!

The Turkey Trot will continue through 8:00 p.m. this evening, with donation sites available throughout the Farmington Valley, at the following locations: Avon Big Y, Avon Miller Foods, Bloomfield Geissler's, Canton ShopRite, Simsbury Fitzgerald's, Simsbury Kane's Market, Simsbury Stop & Shop, Granby Geissler's, and Granby Stop & Shop. With just over 11,000 turkeys to go, Foodshare asks us to remember all those in need as we shop for our own Thanksgiving meal.

Foodshare's annual *Turkey and Thirty Campaign* features donation sites and special events throughout Hartford and Tolland counties during the entire month of November. Highland Park Market will be accepting donations through November 24th, as well as the food bank's Bloomfield distribution center and Hartford Regional Market facility. For a complete list of donation sites, or to make a donation online, please visit www.aturkeyand30.org.

Upcoming Events:

- **Lincoln Financial Turkey and Thirty Drive:** Thursday, Nov. 19 from 7am-9am @ 350 Church Street in Hartford. *The River 105.9, an iHeart Radio station, will be on-site.*
- **Voya Financial Turkey and Thirty Drive:** Thursday, Nov. 19 from 7am-9am @ 1 Orange Way in Windsor.
- **Back East Brewery Drive:** Friday, Nov. 20 from 4pm-7pm @ 1296 Blue Hills Ave. in Bloomfield. Donate a turkey to receive a free pint glass and beer tasting!

Goal: 16,188



*This year
Foodshare has been
asked to provide
turkeys for:*



16,188
individuals &
families

As of 11/18/15:

| Major Donations | |
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| TD Charitable Foundation - \$40,000 | Billy Grant - 800 turkeys |
| Lincoln Financial Foundation - \$30,000 | SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000 |
| Bank of America - \$20,000 | Webster Bank - \$6,000 |
| Stop & Shop - 1,000 turkeys | C&S Wholesale – 380 turkeys |
| Event Totals (major donations may be included in these numbers) | |
| Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot – 1,231 turkeys and counting... | |
| Turkey Tuesday – 1,283 turkeys and \$28,293 | |
| Aetna T30 Drive – 54 turkeys and \$985 | |
| Goodwin College T30 Drive – 43 turkeys and \$610 | |
| Hartford West End Town Drive – 25 turkeys and \$953 | |
| Olde Burnside Brewing T30 Drive – 27 turkeys and \$600 | |
| Alstom - \$975 and counting... | |

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About Foodshare

Recognized as one of the most innovative, progressive and efficient food banks in the country, Foodshare has served Hartford and Tolland counties since 1982. Last year, Foodshare provided enough food for 12 million meals to 300 partner programs including food pantries, community kitchens, and homeless shelters, and through its Mobile Foodshare program. The organization also works on reducing the need, with programs that help people get back on their feet and get the resources they need to buy their own food. Working in partnership with other community leaders such as the United Way, End Hunger Connecticut! and 211 Infoline, Foodshare has the experience and is building the networks necessary to help make this vision a reality.