

Believing in the Power of a Turkey

"This happens every year...we still have over 5,000 families hoping for turkeys early next week, but after tomorrow's distribution we will have no birds left in the freezer," said James Arena-DeRosa, President and CEO. "Fortunately we have many, many drives happening this weekend and if history has taught us anything, it's that the Greater Hartford community always rallies."

Whether or not you believe a turkey can make a difference, this single mom reminds us how easing the burden—even for a brief moment in time—can be so powerful:

"I was unemployed for 8 months, exhausted my unemployment benefits and was struggling to find a job...I received a final warning that my electricity would be shut off, then I was served with an eviction notice..." [Read More >](#)

Progress Towards Goal:

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner for 9,748 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 6,123 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 \$341,912—including a generous gift of \$23,000 from LEGO and \$14,000 from Enterprise Holdings—to help feed these families all year long, and build lasting solutions to hunger.

This weekend, please stop by your nearest *Turkey and Thirty* drive and be the difference for one local family in your community:

Saturday, November 19 –

- **WayPoint Spirits:** 12pm-6pm @ 410 Woodland Ave. in Bloomfield. Enjoy a cash bar, live music, and a food truck. Donate a turkey to receive a free tour and tasting!
- **Olde Burnside Brewing:** 9am-5pm @ 776 Tolland St. in East Hartford.
- **D'Esopo Funeral Chapel:** 12pm-3pm @ 30 Carter Street in East Hartford and 277 Folly Brook Blvd. in Wethersfield. *Brad Davis from WDRC's Talk of Connecticut will be on-site helping to collect turkeys!*
- **Hartford West End:** 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street).
- **Wethersfield Town Drive:** 10am-4pm @ Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (206 Prospect Street).
- **West Side Marketplace:** 10am-5pm @ 887 Cromwell Ave. in Rocky Hill.

Sunday, November 20 –

- **Hartford West End:** 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street).
- **Wethersfield Town Drive:** 10am-4pm @ Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (206 Prospect Street).
- **West Side Marketplace:** 10am-5pm @ 887 Cromwell Ave. in Rocky Hill.
- **Glastonbury Community Drive:**
 - 9am-12pm @ First Congregational Church (2183 Main St.)
 - 10am-4:00pm @ Stop & Shop (55 Oak Street)
 - 1:30-3:30pm @ Glastonbury High School Pool/Gym (330 Hubbard St.)

As of 11/18/16:

Community Donations	
LEGO - \$23,000 Bank of America - \$20,000 Enterprise Holdings - \$14,000 Stop & Shop – 1,000 turkeys Bill Grant Restaurant Group – 800 turkeys Fathom - \$10,000 SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000 C&S Wholesale – 480 turkeys Henkel Corporation – 114 turkeys & \$3,420 Zen Yoga Barre – \$5,000 Hoffman Auto Group – 220 turkeys	LAZ Parking – 200 turkeys iCare – 120 turkeys & \$761 ROGO Distributors - 160 turkeys Jacob's Vehicle Systems – 140 turkeys Chubb - \$1,700 Aiello Home Services – 100 turkeys SYSCO – 100 turkeys Buttonball Elementary – 87 turkeys Macca Plumbing \$1,000 D'Esopo Funeral Chapel \$1,000 Peoples United Bank - \$1,000
Event Totals (community donations may be included in these numbers)	
Turkey Tuesday – 629 turkeys and \$24,984 Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot – 3,549 turkeys and \$3,516 <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 Hartford Seminary/ West End - \$1,305 <i>and counting...</i> Voya Financial – 84 turkeys and \$103 <i>and counting...</i>	

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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.