

RE: West Hartford Turkey and Thirty Drive Thursday and Friday!

Why: Foodshare received requests from 19,896 families for a Thanksgiving turkey this year. Many of those requests come from people like Josephine, who live in a constant state of panic. *"...food itself is a blessing...a lot of people have to choose – pay the bills or eat. It's a neverending crisis."*

What: Every American should have a turkey at Thanksgiving and food the rest of the year too. But, there are more people in our community who need food than there is food to feed them, and many are at risk of not having a holiday meal. Foodshare's Annual *Turkey and Thirty* Campaign provides a seat at the holiday table and support for those in need throughout the year. The West Hartford drive is one of many volunteer events being held throughout Hartford and Tolland counties leading up to Thanksgiving next week. For a complete list of events and local collection sites, please visit www.aturkeyand30.org.



Who: Volunteers are on-site each day to collect donations and speak with media about why helping their neighbors is important to them.

Where: West Hartford Town Center Building on Main Street

When: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 20 & 21 from 8am-4pm

About Foodshare

Foodshare is the food bank for greater Hartford and the heart of the effort to solve hunger in all 42 towns of Hartford and Tolland counties. Last year, **we distributed enough food for 12 million meals** through our network of 300 local partners that feed 128,000 hungry neighbors. But that amount only covered one-third of the need in our area. So Foodshare has launched an effort to bridge that gap by engaging the entire community in the Movement to Solve Hunger. The movement aims to involve 30,000 people in a wide range of activities that will both **increase the amount of food available** to those in need and **reduce the number of people in need**.