

It's Full Steam Ahead as Foodshare Surpasses the Halfway Mark *Momentum is building, but biggest distribution days still to come...*

Progress Towards Goal:

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 8,560 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 7,628 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:

Results are in, and yesterday's Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot brought in 3,057 turkeys, far more than last year! Other drives raising the bird total include Lincoln Financial, CohnReznick and Voya Financial, bringing in over 400 turkeys combined.

"We are more than halfway there. Turkey donations are up from previous years which means we have been able to keep pace with all of our distributions, so far." said James Arena-DeRosa, Foodshare President and CEO. "The community has shown amazing support, and we hope they keep the momentum going for the next several days as we head into the weekend." Friday and Monday are Foodshare's biggest days for turkeys—more than 8,000 will be distributed on those two days alone—and they are relying on donations from the public to meet the demand.

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:

- **Back East Brewery:** Friday, Nov. 20 from 4pm-7pm @ 1296 Blue Hills Ave. in Bloomfield. Donate a turkey to receive a free pint glass and beer tasting!
- **NBC's Joy of Sharing:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9am-12pm @ Sears in West Hartford (1445 New Britain Ave.).
- **D'Esopo Thanksgiving Drive:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11am-2pm @ D'Esopo Funeral Chapel (30 Carter Street).
- **Knox Harvest Festival:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10am-2pm @ 75 Laurel Street in Hartford.



- **Carson Richard Kitchen & Bath:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8am-1pm @ 3443 Berlin Turnpike in Newington.
- **Hartford West End:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22 from 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street).
- **Wethersfield Town Drive:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22 from 10am-4pm @ Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (206 Prospect Street).
- **West Side Marketplace:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22 from 10am-5pm @ 887 Cromwell Ave. in Rocky Hill.

As of 11/19/15:

Major Donations	
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 – 3,057 turkeys and \$ counting...	
Turkey Tuesday – 1,283 turkeys and \$28,293	
Voya Financial – 200 turkeys and \$ counting...	
Lincoln Financial Group – 85 turkeys and \$ counting...	
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.