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### Foodshare Goes the Extra Mile with Help from the Ford Motor Company Fund

*Hunger-relief organization awarded \$28,500 grant to deliver more food to people in need*

Foodshare is among several New England area food banks to be provided a \$28,500 grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund in an effort to deliver more meals to the 1 in 8 people in Greater Hartford struggling with hunger. The Ford Motor Company Fund, the charitable arm of Ford Motor Company, is expanding its commitment in the fight to end hunger in America by donating to Foodshare and other Feeding America® member food banks.

The grant will help the food bank distribute nutritious food to people in need throughout Hartford and Tolland counties. Foodshare works with 300 food pantries, meal programs, community centers and shelters to annually distribute 12 million meals worth of food to people in need throughout the Greater Hartford area.

“We are thankful to The Ford Motor Company Fund for its support. For the more than 137,000 people in our community who may not know where they’ll find their next meal, Foodshare strives to be a resource they can depend on. This gift will help us deliver even more food to our neighbors in need,” said James Arena-DeRosa, President and CEO at Foodshare.

Ford’s expanded investments in the New England region are part of Ford Fund’s Operation Better World initiative. Launched in 2008, the Operation Better World framework enables the Ford Fund, Ford dealers and other groups to collaborate on a strategic approach to philanthropy and more effectively meet community needs. In addition to the New England region, the Ford Fund has launched Operation Better World programs in 25 cities and regions around the U.S.

“Each year, 48 million Americans – including more than 15 million children – struggle with hunger,” said Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. “Assisting communities in times of need is core to our mission, and we are proud to team up with Foodshare in the fight against hunger.”

Foodshare is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief organization. For more information, visit [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org). Keep up with all of Foodshare’s latest news and updates by becoming a follower at [www.twitter.com/Foodshare](http://www.twitter.com/Foodshare).

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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.