

Turkey Drives Happening All Weekend

Foodshare is cautiously optimistic, but needs your help

Progress Towards Goal:

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 10,514 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 5,674 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 \$456,758 to help feed these families all year long, and build lasting solutions to hunger.

News & Updates:

"Foodshare remains cautiously optimistic," according to James Arena-DeRosa, President and CEO. The regional food bank is getting closer to their goal of providing 16,188 individuals and families with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. While incoming donations are in line with previous years, the total number of turkeys needed is much lower. "This should be an attainable goal, especially with how generous people have been this past week. I'm hoping the drives this weekend will prove that to be true."

Your donated turkeys are shared with people like Arleene who sign up through their local food pantry...

Goal: 16,188



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



16,188
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families

"I can't afford a turkey. And that's true with other food as well." Arleene has a small family and she spends the day cooking with her children. **"I get to spend the day with my kids and have a nice dinner. It's a happy day for us."**

Civic groups, local businesses and individuals across Greater Hartford will be hosting Turkey and Thirty drives this weekend, including: D'Esopo Funeral Chapel and the Volunteer Ambulance Corps in Wethersfield, Stop & Shop in Glastonbury, West Side Marketplace in Rocky Hill and the Shop Rite on Kane Street in West Hartford. Highland Park Market locations 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, or to donate online, please visit www.aturkeyand30.org.

Upcoming Events:

- **Glastonbury Town Drive:** Sunday, Nov. 22 from 10am-4:00pm @ Stop & Shop (55 Oak Street).
- **Hartford West End:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22 from 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street in West Hartford).

- **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.
- **D'Esopo Thanksgiving Drive:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11am-2pm @ D'Esopo Funeral Chapel in Wethersfield (30 Carter Street). *Brad Davis from WDRC's Talk of Connecticut will be on-site helping to collect turkeys!*
- **NBC's Joy of Sharing Drive:** Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9am-12pm @ Sears in West Hartford (1445 New Britain Ave).

As of 11/20/15:

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	
Lego T30 Drive – 31 turkeys and \$17,925	
Voya Financial – 200 turkeys and \$4,000 and counting...	
Lincoln Financial Group – 179 turkeys and \$1,456...	
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	
State Office Building T30 Drive – 40 turkeys and \$ counting	
Otis Elevator T30 Drive – 37 turkeys 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.