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15,334 Families Will Have a Thanksgiving Dinner ***The final push for monetary donations continues***

Bloomfield, CT – Foodshare is excited to announce that all 15,334 families who requested a turkey will receive one this holiday season!

The turkey goal was reached because of the surge of support and donations this past week from our generous Greater Hartford community.

“This is my first *Turkey and Thirty* campaign and what I observed over the past week was one of the greatest displays of generosity in the country. Our volunteers, our staff and our entire community rallied together to make this happen – and for that, a lot of families are very very thankful,” said Jason Jakubowski, president & CEO, Foodshare.

Peter Chenette, a longtime Foodshare volunteer and 9-year leader of the ShopRite West Hartford community drive, credits the success of the campaign to the small but dedicated staff at Foodshare and our army of volunteers. “What inspired me to volunteer 30 years ago was the issue of food insecurity, specifically in regards to children. What brings me back to Foodshare every week is the commitment of the staff and administration.”

Foodshare’s turkey goal has been met but the push for monetary donations still continues. Foodshare fights hunger every day in the Greater Hartford community and any donation - big or small - makes a difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors. “The turkeys are important, but in many ways the \$30 is more important because it fulfills our mission throughout the year. Hunger doesn’t just affect the holidays – hunger is a problem year-round,” said Jakubowski. Every gift of \$30 to Foodshare provides 75 meals.

Senator Richard Blumenthal will visit Foodshare at 1:15 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 21 to congratulate the staff on achieving the turkey goal and to thank all of the volunteers, partner pantries and meal programs that made this possible.

Foodshare’s annual *Turkey and Thirty* campaign features donation sites and special events right through November 21. For a complete list of locations, or to donate online, please visit ATurkeyand30.org. You can also call 860-856-HELP to donate by phone or text CTFOODSHARE to 41444.



Upcoming Events:

- **Joseph Steckel Drive:** Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 6 am – 10 am @410 Capitol Ave. in Hartford.
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About Foodshare

Foodshare is leading an informed, coordinated response to hunger in our community. Foodshare is the Feeding America food bank serving Connecticut's Hartford and Tolland Counties, where 127,000 people struggle with hunger. In partnership with the food industry, donors, community leaders and volunteers, Foodshare works to maximize access to nutritious food and other resources that support food security. Last year, Foodshare distributed 11.5 million meals worth of food to a network of 300 local partner programs including food pantries, meal programs, and Mobile Foodshare sites. And, because hunger is bigger than food, Foodshare collaborates with anti-hunger organizations, policy makers, and the broader community to build effective solutions to end hunger.

Foodshare is changing what it means to be a food bank. For more information, visit foodshare.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).