

Foodshare Surpasses the Halfway Mark

Nearly 7,000 neighbors still hoping for a turkey!

Progress Towards Goal:

	Goal	Received	Still to go
Turkeys	19,896	12,897	6,999
Cash Contributions	\$900,000	\$497,171	\$402,829

News & Updates:

CT Nutrition Assistance Program (CT NAP) has donated funds that will allow Foodshare to purchase 5,600 additional turkeys for hungry families this Thanksgiving. The donation is part of a year-round effort between CT NAP, the Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare to distribute nutritious food to local food pantries and community kitchens. This unexpected boost is very helpful, but there are still almost 7,000 turkeys needed and only a few days to distribute them. Foodshare has appointments to distribute 1,463 turkeys tomorrow, 4,383 turkeys on Monday and another 3,973 on Tuesday. And right now, Foodshare does not have enough turkeys in their building to meet those commitments!



Lincoln Financial held a successful 'Foodshare Friday' turkey drive this morning, collecting 129 turkeys and additional financial donations in just two hours at this inaugural event! Lincoln employees and the public responded with enthusiasm and generosity so that families in need could have a turkey for Thanksgiving and food on the table for the holidays.

Lincoln Financial Foundation has also donated \$30,000 to help Foodshare ensure that people have enough to eat year-round. This counts towards Foodshare's hefty financial goal of \$900,000, which needs to be raised by November 30. Thanks to a surge of more than \$25,000 from Jack Bannan's Turkey Trot this past week, and smaller community drives like State employees who pulled in nearly \$3,000 in one day, the food bank is halfway there. But with little more than a week to raise \$402,000, Foodshare is asking friends and neighbors to be as generous as possible.

For a complete list of donation sites, or to make a donation online, please visit www.aturkeyand30.org.

Town-Wide Drives:

- **Hartford West End Drive:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23 from 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street).
- **Wethersfield:** Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23 from 10am-4pm @ Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (206 Prospect Street).

- **Glastonbury:** Sunday, Nov. 23 from 10am-4pm @ First Congregational Church, Stop & Shop and Whole Foods locations in Glastonbury.

As of 11/21/14:

Major Donations	
MetLife - \$40,000	Webster Bank - \$5,000
Lincoln Financial – \$30,000	Jacobs Vehicle Systems –210 turkeys
Bank of America - \$20,000	CohnReznick – 200 turkeys
SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000	Hoffman Auto Group – 200 turkeys
Stop & Shop – 1,000 turkeys	Rogo Distributors – 200 turkeys
Customers of Billy Grant – 800 turkeys	Clearwater Paper - \$2,500
Farmington Bank - \$5,545	Henkel Corporation – 114 turkeys
Alstom Power – 92 turkeys and \$5,325	Space Fitters - \$1,500
C&S Wholesale – 380 turkeys	SLAM Collaborative - \$1,221
LAZ Parking – 306 turkeys	Foxwoods Resort Casino – 75 turkeys
Macca Plumbing – 227 turkeys	
Event Totals (major donations & challenge team totals may be included in these numbers)	
Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot – 2,132 turkeys and \$24,395	
Turkey Tuesday – 1,384 turkeys and \$26,323	
HOG “Freedom from Hunger” Ride – 1,017 turkeys and \$6,382	
Aetna turkey drive – 87 turkeys and \$3,067	
State Office Building Drive – 71 turkeys and \$2,720	
Goodwin College – 69 turkey and \$2,576	
Voya Financial – 87 turkeys and \$1,790	
West Hartford Town Drive – 23 turkeys and \$1,564 and counting...	
Hartford Seminary Drive – 25 turkeys and \$1,904	
Lincoln Financial’s Foodshare Friday – 129 turkeys and counting...	
Congregation Beth Israel – 18 turkeys and \$1,033	
Old Burnside Brewing – 28 turkeys and \$160	
Otis Elevator – 31 turkeys and \$70	
Payhub – 7 turkeys and \$209	

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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**.