

## Foodshare Closing in on Turkey Goal, Issues Challenge to Public

### Progress Towards Goal:

As of today, Foodshare has received enough turkeys to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 12,395 Greater Hartford families. But **that still leaves 3,793 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:

In the last 24 hours, community-organized Turkey and Thirty drives made Thanksgiving possible for thousands of our hungry neighbors right here in Greater Hartford. But **with nearly 4,000 turkeys needed for distribution on Monday and Tuesday, the food bank is issuing a challenge:**

"Foodshare has traditionally hit goal on the Monday before Thanksgiving," according to James Arena-DeRosa, President and CEO. "I'm going on record – if we [the public] can make it happen before 10 a.m. Monday morning, I'll don a turkey hat and the Foodshare staff will "gobble" as our way of thanking all those who made it possible." Game on, and with plenty of drives scheduled for Sunday, the public has every opportunity to see the team at Foodshare strut their stuff.

All Highland Park Market stores will be accepting donations, as well as the food bank's Bloomfield distribution center and Hartford Regional Market facility. Turkey and Thirty drives will be underway in Bolton, Glastonbury, Hartford, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, and West Hartford. For a complete list of donation sites, or to donate online, please visit [www.aturkeyand30.org](http://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.

Goal: 16,188



12,395  
Raised

*This year  
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As of 11/21/15:

<b>Major Donations</b>	
TD Charitable Foundation - \$40,000	Webster Bank - \$6,000
Lincoln Financial Foundation - \$30,000	C&S Wholesale – 380 turkeys
Bank of America - \$20,000	Rogo Distributors – 285 turkeys
Stop & Shop - 1,000 turkeys	Wakefern Shoprite – 240 turkeys
Billy Grant - 800 turkeys	Hoffman Auto Group – 200 turkeys
SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000	
<b>Event Totals (major donations may be included in these numbers)</b>	
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	
NBC's Joy of Sharing – 370 turkeys and \$ counting...	
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	
Back East Brewing – 18 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.