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A Blustery Day Brings in More Turkeys

But Foodshare Still Falling Short for Monday's Distribution to Local Families

Progress Towards Goal:

	Goal	Received	Still to go
Turkeys	19,896	14,176	5,720
Cash Contributions	\$900,000	\$500,283	\$399,717

News & Updates:

Today's cold weather had people feeling the true spirit of the season, with successful turkey and thirty drives happening all over greater Hartford. NBC Connecticut hosted donation sites throughout the state, bringing in more than 300 turkeys for Foodshare. And the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel Family Fun Day, in it's inaugural debut, had a steady trail of cars all morning.

But with Foodshare's largest distributions happening this week – 4,383 turkeys are needed for Monday and 3,973 for Tuesday – the food bank is still falling short. "Last year, only 825 were donated on Sunday and 300 on Monday. As a result, we had to postpone some people's pick-up of their turkey," said Gloria McAdam, President and CEO of Foodshare. "Help us avoid doing that this year and give people time to thaw those turkeys out."

Town drives will continue tomorrow in Hartford, Wethersfield, and Glastonbury, and donation sites are available across greater Hartford. The food bank's Bloomfield distribution center also accepts donations and offers extended hours of operation through Tuesday, November 25th. 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:** Sunday, Nov. 23 from 9am-4:30pm @ ShopRite (46 Kane Street).
- **Wethersfield:** Sunday, Nov. 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**.