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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## We're Almost There!

“Turkeys are coming in so fast, we can barely keep an accurate count,” according to Gloria McAdam, Foodshare President and CEO. “This is great news...we know we’re closing in on our goal which means more than 19,000 families will now be able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday!”

The regional food bank will remain open until 8:00p.m. tonight, as a precautionary measure, but they are asking people to turn their attention to the financial goal at this point. Thanks to many lead gifts, like the \$15,000 match donation from Gary Craig’s *We Are the Children Foundation*, Foodshare has so far received \$574,255, leaving another \$325,000 to be raised before the end of November. This money will fund Foodshare’s hunger work throughout the year, and hitting the goal is crucial. Donations can be made in person, online at [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org), or through the mail.

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### As of 11/24/14:

Major Donations	
Lincoln Financial – \$30,000	LAZ Parking – 306 turkeys
MetLife - \$25,000	Macca Plumbing – 227 turkeys
Bank of America - \$20,000	Webster Bank - \$5,000
TD Charitable Foundation - \$15,000	Pratt & Whitney Wood Group - \$3,300
We are the Children Foundation - \$15,000	Jacobs Vehicle Systems –210 turkeys
SBM Charitable Foundation - \$10,000	CohnReznick – 200 turkeys
Stop & Shop – 1,000 turkeys	Hoffman Auto Group – 200 turkeys
Customers of Billy Grant – 800 turkeys	Rogo Distributors – 200 turkeys
Farmington Bank - \$5,545	Clearwater Paper - \$2,500
Alstom Power – 92 turkeys and \$5,325	Henkel Corporation – 114 turkeys
C&S Wholesale – 380 turkeys	Space Fitters - \$1,500
Event Totals (major donations & challenge team totals may be included in these numbers)	
Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Trot – 2,132 turkeys and \$24,282	
Turkey Tuesday – 1,384 turkeys and \$26,323	
HOG “Freedom from Hunger” Ride – 1,017 turkeys and \$6,382	
NBC Joy of Sharing - 335 turkeys and \$1,658	
D’Esopo Funeral Chapel Family Fun Day - \$182 turkeys and \$2,297	
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 \$1,154	
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:**

1. **Increase the amount of food available** to those in need by increasing participation in government food assistance programs, developing new sources of local food donations, and community innovation.

2. **Reduce the number of people in need** by developing and supporting programs that increase people's self-sufficiency. In this way, we address the chronic underlying reasons why people are hungry. These stem from poverty, not just the immediate lack of food.

Since 1982, Foodshare has sought to end hunger in our region. 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.

**We need you!** Become a Foodshare partner. Your gifts of time, talent, and financial support are vital to ending hunger... not just by feeding a hungry person today but by creating a future where hunger will not be tolerated.