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### **Foodshare and The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation Collaborate to Help Fight Child Hunger** ***Foodshare receives \$20,000 grant to help fight child food insecurity in Greater Hartford***

Bloomfield, CT, March 26, 2015 – [Foodshare](#) announced today that they have received a \$20,000 grant from [The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation](#) (DDBRCF). In the second year of a three-year, \$1,000,000 commitment, The DDBRCF is working closely with Feeding America® to support child-hunger initiatives nationwide. One in five children face hunger in Greater Hartford and this grant will help Foodshare better serve those kids in need.

“We thank DDBRCF for this generous grant, which will help to ensure that hungry children throughout Greater Hartford have access to the food they need to grow and learn,” said Christine O’Rourke, Foodshare Interim President.

As Greater Hartford’s regional food bank, Foodshare provides donated food to a network of local partner programs that serve food insecure children and families throughout the region. Funding from DDBRCF will help Foodshare provide over 80,000 meals worth of food to area School Pantry and Backpack programs that provide children and their families with food to take home from school.

“We’re so excited to continue into the second year of commitment to support Feeding America’s child-hunger efforts with the largest donation in DDBRCF history,” said Todd Wallace, Co-Chair of The Dunkin’ Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation. “Dunkin’ Brands and its franchisees incorporate serving those in need in our communities across the country into every part of our business. Supporting the fight against hunger and particularly childhood hunger has been rewarding work.”

The \$1,000,000 grant, the largest donation in DDBRCF history, will be distributed among Feeding America member food banks across the United States over the next three years. Last year, fifteen Feeding America member food banks each received \$20,000 grants. The DDBRCF has partnered with Feeding America at the national level since 2007 and, in addition to the most recent grant, has donated more than \$1,000,000 over the past eight years to support Feeding America and its local food banks. Additionally, over the past eight years, The DDBRCF has addressed the issue of hunger relief through both national and local effort. Dunkin’ Donuts and Baskin-Robbins franchisees have held fundraisers to support local food banks, led food drives in the communities they serve and organized volunteer days at their local food banks to help fill backpacks with nutritious meals for children.

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#### **About Foodshare**

Foodshare is the food bank for Hartford and Tolland counties, and since 1982, we have sought to end hunger in our region. Last year, Foodshare distributed 12 million meals worth of food to some 300 food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, and other partner programs. But even that huge amount of food only met one-third of the need. To bridge the gap between what is needed and what Foodshare can provide, the organization is involving the entire community in order to increase the

amount of food available from all sources and to help people get back on their feet so fewer people need food.

In this way, we address the chronic underlying reasons why people are hungry, stemming from poverty, not just the immediate lack of 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.

**Join the movement!** Our goal is to inspire community members, like you, to become personally involved in effective hunger solutions. Your gifts of time, talent, and financial support are vital to solving hunger—not just by feeding a hungry person today but by creating a future where hunger will not be tolerated.

### **About The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation**

The mission of The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation is to serve its neighborhoods by taking care of their basic needs: hunger, children's health and safety. The DDBRCF brings together a wide network of stakeholders, including franchisees, crew members and employees to serve their local communities. Launched in 2006, The DDBRCF has granted more than \$8,000,000 to local charities.