

Ocean State Job Lot Kickstarts 2015 Giving Foodshare Receives 56,000 Meals Worth of Food



Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL) Charitable Foundation's "Three Square Meals" hunger relief program kicked off in Rhode Island today with an 18-truck Convoy. Foodshare welcomed two trucks, generously sponsored by the Arbella Insurance Foundation, delivering more than 56,000 meals worth of food. Funds for Three Square Meals are raised annually between November and December through a combination of in-store customer donations at the register, contributions from the business community, and matching funds from the Job Lot Charitable Foundation.

This is the first installment of a 109-tractor trailer truckload donation to 15 different food banks throughout the Northeast, totaling \$1.44 million in 2015. Non-perishable items being donated include pasta, cereal, canned vegetables and fruit, soup, canned tuna, dried beans, rice, and more.

Tonoya Brown, District Manager for Ocean State Job Lot was on site for the delivery, as was Jennifer Lajoie of Bearingstar—a local affiliate of Arbella Insurance—who presented Foodshare with an additional \$1,000 check from the Bearingstar Insurance Charitable Fund.

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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.