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Braving the Wind to Feed Local Families

Sunday's *Foodshare Walk Against Hunger* produced an outpouring of support from the greater Hartford community, despite threats of hail. Thousands of Walkers braved the winds, raising \$557,000 towards a goal of \$650,000. “While we are hopeful that our goal is within reach, our work is not yet done - and we need your persistence to ensure families get the help they need this summer,” said Alicia Flynn, Foodshare’s Vice President and Chief Development Officer.

“In order to continue our pursuit to solve hunger -- through both distribution of food and building self-sufficiency of those in need -- we are asking the public to take one more step before we close the books on this event.” Foodshare has until May 21 to reach their goal, and they need your help to make this a success story...every extra dollar means 3 more meals for one of our hungry neighbors!

Those wishing to make a donation in support of Foodshare, or a registered Walker, may do so by visiting www.foodshare.org or calling 860-286-9999. Any teams or walkers who have not yet turned in their pledges should do so right away.

Keep up with all of Foodshare’s latest news and updates by becoming a follower at www.twitter.com/Foodshare.

About Foodshare

Foodshare is building a movement to solve hunger, bringing together individuals and organizations in all 42 towns of Hartford and Tolland counties.

Foodshare does this in three key ways, by:

- **Increasing the amount of food available**, to continue feeding our 128,000 hungry neighbors—including seniors, the working poor, and 50,000 children. Foodshare distributes enough food to provide 12 million meals annually through our network of 300 local partners.
- **Building self-sufficiency** to reduce the number of people in need. In this way, we address the chronic underlying reasons why people are hungry. These stem from poverty, not just the immediate lack of food.
- **Involving the entire community** to increase their understanding of these real causes and solutions to hunger. Our goal is to inspire community members to become personally involved in effective hunger solutions.

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.

Join the movement! 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.