

## **FOODSHARE RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FROM CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION**

*Money will go towards helping to bring more food into the community*

**BLOOMFIELD – March 27, 2014** – Foodshare announced today that they received a \$5,000 investment from the *Caterpillar Foundation* to help bring more food to people in the greater Hartford community who are struggling with hunger.

The grant to Foodshare, part of a \$1.5 million investment that Caterpillar Foundation is making to Feeding America member food banks across the country, will go towards food sourcing initiatives that will result in more food for local food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens.

“Solving hunger is an enormous task, and it requires involvement from the entire community,” says Gloria McAdam, Foodshare President & CEO. “This gift from the Caterpillar Foundation will help us continue our work year-round, providing food for hungry families throughout greater Hartford.”

A portion of the donation will also go towards helping Feeding America, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization, increase the number of meals it brings to people through the organization’s nationwide network of food banks.

The donation is especially important now as food insecurity continues to remain high. According to the USDA, 49 million people in the US struggle with hunger, including 16 million children. Here in the greater Hartford area, food insecurity is high with more than 128,000 people who are food insecure.

The grant from *Caterpillar Foundation* will help to bring additional food to those families here in the greater Hartford area that struggle to make ends meet.

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### **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.