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Foodshare Receives a \$75,000 Grant from CHEFA *Funds will support increased food distribution to Connecticut families in need*

Foodshare was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) as part of its Not-for-Profit Grant Program. This support will help Foodshare distribute an additional 275,000 meals worth of healthy, fresh produce and meat to help hungry families throughout the greater Hartford region.

“The Authority is proud to support Foodshare with this \$75,000 grant as it continues to provide food for our Connecticut neighbors that need a helping hand feeding their families. We know that Foodshare is using our funds in a manner that will have the greatest impact on its efforts to reduce food insecurity in the Hartford region,” says CHEFA Executive Director Jeffrey A. Asher.

CHEFA’s support last year helped Foodshare distribute over 3 million meals worth of fresh, healthy food to low-income individuals. This new grant will ensure the continuation of that vital work to meet the existing need, so that Foodshare can focus even more attention on long term solutions that will engage the community at-large in ending hunger. “We thank CHEFA for this generous grant, which will help us provide more nutritious food to hungry families throughout greater Hartford,” says Gloria McAdam, Foodshare President & CEO.

The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) recently announced \$2.5 million in grants to 56 nonprofit agencies throughout the state. CHEFA is a quasi-public agency created by the State Legislature to help Connecticut healthcare and educational institutions, and other not-for-profit entities obtain tax exempt financing. CHEFA is self-sustaining and receives no taxpayer funds. For more information about CHEFA, visit www.chefa.com.

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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.