
Everyone will get a Thanksgiving meal

"I want you to know that Foodshare did, in fact, provide a hot meal for 15,871 families this Thanksgiving. This was only made possible by an incredible surge of support and donations from the community these past few days. Most of those hot meals will include a turkey, thanks to generous friends and neighbors in Greater Hartford—14,139 to be exact. The remaining meals will consist of chicken from our warehouse. With some last minute support late Tuesday – today's small and final distribution was all turkeys!"

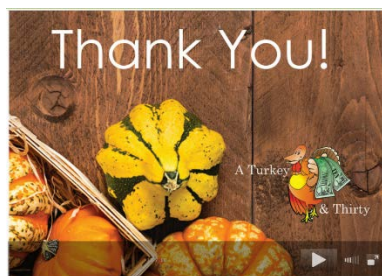
The mere fact that so many families requested a Thanksgiving meal is a stark reminder of the challenging times we face together; and it is our responsibility to provide what we can for those seeking help. That's the business we are in, and sometimes that means dipping into our current warehouse inventory.

In past years Foodshare hasn't publicized the fact that 'hitting our goal' means some families receive chickens. The truth is, this incredibly compassionate community that we live in, consistently provides over 14,000 turkeys for our neighbors—year over year. That is an amazing feat, and one which we do not want to downplay. We also want to recognize the thousands of dollars donated (still counting) to help Foodshare fight hunger all year long!

At the end of the day, Thanksgiving is not about a turkey, but it represents something which many of us take for granted...a celebration with our loved ones, complete with food on the table and a warm place to call home. Whatever the main course, we hope that families will still gather together this Thursday and give thanks for the food we are able to provide, with your help.

One thing is certain, on Thanksgiving Day please know that thousands of families across Greater Hartford will be sitting down to a warm meal joined by their loved ones, celebrating, and giving thanks for YOUR gift. For that we thank you for your tried and true support."

— James Arena-DeRosa, Foodshare President & CEO



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About Foodshare

Foodshare is Greater Hartford's regional food bank, working to nourish our neighbors every, single day by increasing access to healthy food. In addition to providing 11.5 million meals worth of food through 300 local programs each year, Foodshare is building collaborative partnerships across the region and advocating on behalf of those we serve, to help stabilize lives with one goal in mind—building a stronger and healthier Greater Hartford for us all. Join the movement today by visiting www.foodshare.org.