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## **Connecticut Food Bank Honors *Hunger Action Heroes***

### ***Top Award Presented to Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro***

**East Haven, CT** – Connecticut Food Bank recently honored *Hunger Action Heroes* at an awards ceremony attended by more than 100 at its East Haven warehouse. The heroes are individuals, businesses and organizations that go above and beyond to support Connecticut Food Bank in its mission to alleviate hunger in Connecticut. The ceremony is held annually in September, designated as *Hunger Action Month*.

"You are our heroes in many ways, but more importantly you are our inspiration, making a difference in the lives of the men, women and children who depend on us for food," Connecticut Food Bank President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington told the honorees. "We thank you for your extraordinary service on behalf of our mission to alleviate hunger in Connecticut."

Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro was presented with The Bill Liddell Award – the highest tribute paid by Connecticut Food Bank to an individual, organization or corporation in recognition of exemplary service, ongoing dedication and significant support of the Food Bank and its mission. The award was named after Bill Liddell who supported the Food Bank by donating a total of 104 tons of fresh produce, as well as time and funds. He spent six years on Connecticut Food Bank's Board of Directors.

"Since her election to Congress in 1990, Rosa DeLauro is one of the strongest voices in for local, national and global hunger relief efforts," said Carrington. "We are grateful for her tireless work to help those who face the struggles of food insecurity."

Other 2011 Connecticut Food Bank Hunger Action Heroes are:

- Carl Asikainen: Advocacy Hero
- A-1 Toyota: Business Hero
- Junior League of Greater New Haven: Civic Hero
- Walmart: Corporate Hero
- Anthony DiBenedetto, Hallock Orchard (Washington Depot): Farm Hero
- ShopRites of Hamden, Milford, Stratford and West Haven: Fundraising Hero
- Ocean State Job Lot: Food Industry Hero
- Michael Maze of Radio 104.1: Media Hero
- Waterbury's Evangelical Christian Church: Member Program Hero
- Sam Greco of Cheshire: Student Hero

- Jeremy Titus of Durham: Volunteer Hero

In addition, Connecticut Food Bank recognized top individual and team fundraisers who participated in the annual *Walk Against Hunger*, held in New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury. Those events raised more than \$240,000 to support hunger-relief efforts in Connecticut.

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**Connecticut Food Bank** serves approximately 600 community-based feeding programs in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. Connecticut Food Bank distributes more than 31 tons of food every business day.