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***Walks Against Hunger Raise More Than \$232,000 for Hunger-Relief Efforts  
Represents a 30 percent increase over 2010 results***

**East Haven** - Connecticut Food Bank's Annual *Walks Against Hunger* in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury raised more than \$232,000 for hunger-relief efforts in Connecticut, a 30 percent increase over the events' 2010 results.

The funds will enable Connecticut Food Bank to distribute more than \$1 million of food at wholesale value to people in need. About 1,500 walkers participated during the three *Walks* in May.

Prior to *Walk* day, participants gather monetary pledges from family members, friends, colleagues and others. Proceeds are used by Connecticut Food Bank to transport, warehouse and distribute food to local community agencies, such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries, and youth and adult day programs.

"We are grateful to the walkers, donors and sponsors of all three events for their continued support of our *Walks Against Hunger*," said Connecticut Food Bank President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington. "This year's extraordinary total will go a long way to feed those who are struggling to put food on the table for themselves and their families. In Connecticut, one in seven households is affected by hunger."

The top individual fundraisers in New Haven were:

- First Prize:** Stephanie Hall
- Second Prize:** Diana Cooke
- Third Prize:** John Palmer

Team fundraising prizes in New Haven were awarded to:

- First Prize:** Junior League of Greater New Haven
- Second Prize:** Master's Manna Guiding Lights
- Third Prize:** HID DeFeet Hunger

The top individual fundraisers in Bridgeport were:

- First Prize:** Danielle Delapp
- Second Prize:** Deborah Arsenault
- Third Prize:** Mary Ann Hood

Team fundraising prizes in Bridgeport were awarded to:

- First Prize:** The Sheryl Summers Memorial Walk for Hunger, East End Baptist Church

**Second Prize:** Calvary SDA Lighthouse of Love

**Third Prize:** Sikorsky GSC-Team “Great Spirit Causes Team Engagement Against Malnutrition”

The top individual fundraisers in Waterbury were:

**First Prize:** Anne Lanteri

**Second Prize:** Alexandria Campbell

**Third Prize:** Sandra Kelly

Team fundraising prizes in Waterbury were awarded to:

**First Prize:** Federation Feet, Jewish Federation

**Second Prize:** Bread of Life Food Pantry

**Third Prize:** Fruits of Our Labor, Waterbury Baptist Ministries

Sponsors of Connecticut Food Bank’s *Walk Against Hunger* include Presenting Sponsor Webster Bank; Platinum Sponsors 99.1 WPLR; Star 99.9; and Whole Foods; and Silver Sponsor Chabaso Bread. Bronze Sponsors include Marcum Accountants and Cabot Cheese; and Sneaker Sponsors Connecticut Dietetic Association, CTbites, General Mills, Great Event Decorations, Harty Integrated Solutions, Photography & More, Subway and Town Fair Tire.

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**Connecticut Food Bank** serves approximately 600 local emergency food assistance programs in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. Connecticut Food Bank distributes more than 30 tons of food every business day.