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Connecticut Food Bank Receives More Than \$123,500 From Stop & Shop's *Food for Friends* Campaign

East Haven, CT – Stop & Shop customers in Connecticut who added \$1, \$3 or even \$5 to their grocery bill at the checkout aisle last holiday season are to thank for a \$123,538 donation made to Connecticut Food Bank this month. The annual *Food for Friends* campaign reached an all-time record; with more than \$2 million raised in nearly 400 stores to support regional and local food banks in Stop & Shop's operating area. The Madison, Connecticut, store raised the third highest among all stores, with \$14,730 collected from customers.

"We are proud of our associates and customers who are dedicated to hunger-relief efforts in Connecticut," said Arlene Putterman, Stop & Shop's manager, Public and Community Relations. "The level of participation from customers in the recent Food for Friends campaign was overwhelming."

"Connecticut Food Bank is extremely grateful to Stop & Shop customers who continue to help their neighbors who are struggling to feed their families every day," said Connecticut Food Bank's President and CEO Nancy L. Carrington. "Their generous support enables us to continue our work to alleviate hunger for the thousands of families in Connecticut who are affected by hunger."

Carrington was presented with the proceeds from the Food for Friends campaign by New Haven Mayor John DeStefano and New Haven Stop & Shop Manager Anne Demchak.

For every dollar donated to Connecticut Food Bank, the organization can distribute \$5 worth of food at wholesale value.

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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 31 tons of food every business day.