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**Webster Bank is Lead Sponsor for
Connecticut Food Bank's *Walk Against Hunger***

May events planned in New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury

East Haven (CT)—Connecticut Food Bank's 2011 ***Walk Against Hunger*** is being presented by Webster Bank for the sixth consecutive year. The family fun event is a 2.5 to 3 mile walk scheduled for three Sundays in May to help Connecticut Food Bank in its mission to alleviate hunger in Connecticut. In 2010, the *Walk* in the three communities attracted 1,200 walkers and raised more than \$180,000 for the anti-hunger effort in Connecticut. Those funds enabled Connecticut Food Bank to distribute enough food for more than 610,000 meals.

"We are grateful to Webster Bank for its continued lead sponsorship for the *Walk Against Hunger*," said Connecticut Food Bank's President & Chief Executive Officer Nancy L. Carrington. "Webster Bank's ongoing involvement and support helps Connecticut Food Bank feed those who are struggling to put food on the table for themselves and their families. More than one in seven Connecticut households continue to be at risk for hunger."

Registration and festivities for all three events begins at 1 p.m., with the *Walks* getting under way at 2 p.m. on the following dates and locations rain or shine:

- **The 35th Greater New Haven *Walk Against Hunger***
Sunday, May 1, College Woods Pavilion in East Rock Park, New Haven
- **The 2nd Greater Bridgeport *Walk Against Hunger***
Sunday, May 15, at Seaside Park in Bridgeport
- **The 6th Annual Greater Waterbury *Walk Against Hunger***
Sunday, May 22, in Library Park, Waterbury

"Webster places an emphasis on supporting organizations that serve those who need a helping hand to secure food," said Jeffrey Klaus, Webster's regional president for the New Haven area. "And with unemployment remaining high across our four-state market area, our neighbors need help now more than ever."

Walk participants gather monetary pledges from family members, friends, colleagues and others prior to the event. Proceeds helps Connecticut Food Bank to transport, warehouse and distribute donated food to local community agencies such as soup kitchens, shelters, food

pantries, and adult and child day care centers. Every dollar raised helps Connecticut Food Bank provide three meals to someone in need.

Participants can pre-register online and create free fundraising pages to set a fundraising goal, add a photo, e-mail others to sponsor them and share their efforts through their own various social networks. Visit www.ctfoodbank.org/walkagainsthunger.

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Connecticut Food Bank serves 650 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 30 tons of food every business day.