Connecticut Food Bank Honors Hunger Action Heroes and Recognizes 30th Anniversary

Top Award Presented to Christian Community Action

East Haven, CT – Connecticut Food Bank recently honored Hunger Action Heroes at an awards ceremony attended by nearly 200 at its East Haven warehouse, which also recognized Connecticut Food Bank’s 30th Anniversary serving the community. 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.

Connecticut Food Bank’s Founder, Mark Patton, Executive Director at Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, was presented with the 30th Anniversary Hunger Action Hero Award by Nancy L. Carrington, Connecticut Food Bank’s President & CEO. Patton founded Connecticut Food Bank at Christian Community Action (CCA) of New Haven, from a borrowed desk and telephone.

Christian Community Action 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.

"You are the individuals and organizations who make it possible for us to feed the men, women and children – or more than 300,000 people – who struggle with hunger,” Connecticut Food Bank President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington told the honorees. “It is our pleasure to pay tribute to you and your efforts.”

Other 2012 Connecticut Food Bank Hunger Action Heroes are:
In addition, Connecticut Food Bank recognized top individual and team fundraisers who participated in the 2012 *Walk Against Hunger*, held in New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury. Those events raised more than $260,000 to support hunger-relief efforts in Connecticut.

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