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“More Milk” for Hungry Children E-Campaign Launched by Connecticut Food Bank and The Farmer’s Cow

Half gallon of milk donated for every four eCards sent about summer hunger

East Haven, CT – Summer is a time of high anxiety for low-income families who must provide 200 extra meals for each child when school is not in session. To help make a difference in the lives of these children, The Farmer's Cow is donating a half gallon of milk to Connecticut Food Bank – up to 5,000 gallons during the months of July and August – for every four electronic greeting cards that are emailed to help spread the word about the problem of summer hunger.

Contrary to what many people believe, the highest demand for food assistance to hungry families is during the summer. “The number of children who have little or no food during the summer months is alarming,” said Nancy L. Carrington, Connecticut Food Bank’s president & CEO. “Nearly one out of every five children in Connecticut is at risk of hunger, which is more than 109,000 children in Connecticut Food Bank’s service area. We are grateful to The Farmer’s Cow for helping us provide hungry children with nutritious milk.”

Summer also is the time of year when food donations are at their lowest which makes the situation for hungry families even more difficult.

Upon learning about the problem of summer hunger, The Farmer’s Cow, a group of six Connecticut family-owned dairy farms, wanted to do something to help hungry Connecticut families who are dealing with the difficulty of keeping food on the table during the summer months.

“Children should be having fun in the summer, running and playing in the outdoors, not feeling hungry. We want to help Connecticut Food Bank spread the word about the problem of summer hunger, but even more so – we want to help prevent hunger by providing fresh, local milk to children who can enjoy it,” said Robin Chesmer, managing member of The Farmer's Cow. “We encourage others to remind their friends and family about their neighbors’ struggle with summer hunger, and help Connecticut children who should be enjoying their summer vacation without feeling hungry.”

Connecticut Food Bank is launching the “More Milk” for Hungry Children email campaign with The Farmer’s Cow on May 29, which will run until July 4. To send the eCard message about summer hunger to friends and family and help Connecticut Food Bank receive 5,000 half gallons of milk, visit www.ctfoodbank.org.

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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 an average of 33 tons of food every business day.

The Farmer's Cow is a group of six Connecticut dairy farms that produces fresh, local milk, half & half, heavy cream and ice cream for Southern New England. The Farmer's Cow dairy products are pasteurized the “traditional way” and are never ultra-pasteurized. The members of The Farmer’s Cow do not use Artificial Growth Hormones (rBST) on any of their cows. They also sell Connecticut-sourced, all-natural eggs, apple cider, and seasonal beverages. The Farmer’s Cow’s mission is to promote Connecticut agriculture and show that “Local is Fresh!” For more information visit www.TheFarmersCow.com or call (866) 355-COWS.

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