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**2012 Walks Against Hunger Raise More than \$250,000**  
***Walk donations accepted until June 30, 2012***

**East Haven** - Connecticut Food Bank's 2012 *Walks Against Hunger* in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury have raised more than \$250,000 for hunger-relief efforts in Connecticut. Nearly 2,000 walkers participated in the three *Walks* in late April and May.

Funds raised will enable Connecticut Food Bank to transport, warehouse and distribute more than \$1.2 million of food at wholesale value for local community agencies such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and adult and child day programs.

"We are grateful to the Walkers, donors and sponsors for helping to make 2012 our most successful Walk season to date," said Connecticut Food Bank President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington. "The support from individuals, businesses, schools, food pantries, civic groups and clubs is overwhelming and will go a long way to help those who struggle to put food on the table every day."

In Connecticut, more than half of the people who are at risk of hunger do not qualify for federal food assistance and many rely on Connecticut Food Bank's member programs for help. In Connecticut Food Bank's service area, more than 300,000 people are food insecure, which means they do not always know where their next meal is coming from.

Sponsors of Connecticut Food Bank's *Walk Against Hunger* include Presenting Sponsor Webster Bank; 99.1 WPLR, Star 99.9, Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Bozzuto's, Chabaso Bread, Cedro Bananas, Coca-Cola, Marcum Accountants, General Mills, Great Event Decorations, ShopRite of Waterbury, Subway, The Farmer's Cow, Thurston Foods and Whole Foods.

Those wishing to donate to a Walker or *Walk Against Hunger* team can still do so at [www.ctfoodbank.org/walk](http://www.ctfoodbank.org/walk) until June 30, 2012.

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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.