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**Connecticut Food Bank's *Walk Against Hunger* Fundraiser  
Thursday, April 5, at Ash Creek Saloon Norwalk**

***Proceeds from evening's sales and silent auction to benefit Connecticut Food Bank***

**East Haven (CT)** — Patrons of Norwalk's Ash Creek Saloon will have the opportunity to raise funds for Connecticut Food Bank's 2012 ***Walk Against Hunger*** on Thursday, April 5, 4 p.m. to closing. Long-time Connecticut Food Bank volunteer Stephanie Hall of Bridgeport is organizing the event, sponsored by Pucker Flavored Vodka, to help with her goal of raising \$5,000. Last year Hall was the top individual fundraiser for the Greater New Haven *Walk Against Hunger* in East Rock Park.

In addition to the Ash Creek Saloon donating 10 percent of the evening's sales, customers have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction for gift certificates to area hotels, spas and restaurants, as well as collectible items donated by Hall's coworkers.

"I walk to help those that don't have enough food to eat while raising awareness about the growing need of this problem," said Hall. "A lot of people feel someone has to be homeless to not have enough food to eat for themselves or their family, but that is not the case. It's happening to more and more ordinary people like us."

One in seven households in Connecticut struggles to put food on the table, and nearly one child in five is food insecure, meaning they do not always know where their next meal is coming from.

The *Walk Against Hunger* is a family fun event held on three different Sundays in Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury, to help Connecticut Food Bank in its mission to alleviate hunger in Connecticut. In 2011, 1,500 walkers raised more than \$240,000 for the anti-hunger effort in Connecticut. Those funds enabled Connecticut Food Bank to distribute enough food for more than 696,000 meals.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Greater Bridgeport *Walk Against Hunger***  
Sunday, April 29, at Seaside Park in Bridgeport
- **The 36<sup>th</sup> Greater New Haven *Walk Against Hunger***  
Sunday, May 6, College Woods Pavilion in East Rock Park, New Haven
- **The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Waterbury *Walk Against Hunger***  
Sunday, May 20, in Library Park, Waterbury

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/walk](http://www.ctfoodbank.org/walk) for more information.

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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.*