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New Staff Members Named at the Connecticut Food Bank

EAST HAVEN, CONN., September 1, 2015 – The Connecticut Food Bank, the state’s non-profit leader in the fight against hunger, has announced the appointment of two senior level leaders to help increase awareness and grow support for the organization’s vital mission.

Mary Kate Carofano of Durham has been appointed Chief Development Officer. She was previously COO for the New England Region of the National Arthritis Foundation. Prior to that, she held several roles at the National Kidney Foundation, rising to the position of National Vice President for Development. She is a Connecticut native and a graduate of Albertus Magnus College. “Mary Kate has a proven passion for supporting our community,” said Rob Levine, President & CEO. “She will help us build the bridge between those who need help and those who are committed to making a difference.”

Paul Shipman was named Marketing and Communications Director. He was previously Chief Communication Officer with the American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island Region. Before joining the Red Cross, Shipman held positions with the Mark Twain House and Museum and United Technologies Corporation. He is a Connecticut native and a graduate of Tulane University. “Paul will share the full story of hunger in Connecticut and capture the hard work that our volunteers, staff and member organizations are doing to fight hunger in the communities we serve every day,” Levine said.

Levine said the new staff complement a strong team already in place and help position the Connecticut Food Bank to make the transition to its new 84,000 square foot headquarters and distribution center in Wallingford in late fall. The new building will serve as the hub supporting over 700 partners and programs as together they distribute more than 22 million pounds of nutritious food annually.

About the Connecticut Food Bank:

[The Connecticut Food Bank](http://www.ctfoodbank.org) is the state’s non-profit leader in the fight against hunger and is the largest provider of charitable food donations. Nearly 700 vital grassroots programs depend upon the Connecticut Food Bank as a lifeline to nutritious food for the communities they serve. The Connecticut Food Bank partnered last year with retailers, donors, volunteers and growers to coordinate the distribution of 22 million pounds of food to more than 300,000 people across 127 cities and towns in six Connecticut counties, covering 4,376 square miles. Visit us on the web at www.ctfoodbank.org, like us [Facebook](#) and follow [@CTFoodBank](#) on Twitter.

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