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Morgan Stanley Recognizes Connecticut Food Bank for Second Time this Year With Grants Now Totaling \$50,000

Award brings additional support to Kids' Backpack program

EAST HAVEN, Conn - Connecticut Food Bank today announced a \$25,000 grant from Morgan Stanley to fund its Kids' Backpack Program, a child hunger initiative that helps to make sure kids are fed when they aren't in school. This grant will benefit New Haven children enrolled in the program and is the second Connecticut Food Bank has received this year from Morgan Stanley bringing the total to \$50,000.

These awards are the latest phase of *Fill the Plate*, Morgan Stanley's long-standing partnership with Feeding America, the nation's leading hunger-relief charity. In total, Morgan Stanley has committed more than \$13 million for the Feeding America network to distribute millions of meals to children and families across all 50 states. As part of that initiative, Morgan Stanley is providing more than \$4 million over four years to local food banks like Connecticut Food Bank to launch, expand and sustain critical childhood feeding programs.

"We are excited to receive this second level of support from Morgan Stanley to fund our efforts to deliver more nutritious meals to children and families," said Nancy L. Carrington, President & CEO of Connecticut Food Bank. "Our entire team is proud of the positive impact we're having on the community, and the fact that Morgan Stanley is recognizing that work a second time."

Connecticut Food Bank's Kids' Backpack Program serves more than 2,900 children in more than 100 schools. It works by putting nutritious food directly into the hands of children at risk of hunger by providing 10 to 12 healthy food items such as shelf stable milk, 100% fruit juice, cereal, healthy snacks, chicken soup and ready-to-eat protein meals that require no cooking. Through this program, children who usually receive reduced-price or free lunch at school can get the nutrition they need on weekends and school vacations.

"Morgan Stanley encourages all of our employees to give back to the communities where we live and work, and we are excited to be able to again extend a helping hand to Connecticut Food Bank," said Bradley Barber, Complex Manager, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Coastal Connecticut. "Many of us are volunteers at Connecticut Food Bank so we know the good work that takes place here, and we are proud that our Firm has been able to bring a second grant to this important community organization."

In Connecticut and nationwide, child hunger is a critical problem. One in five children in Connecticut is hungry and according to the United States Department of Agriculture, nearly 16 million children in the United States live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life.

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Connecticut Food Bank serves more than 650 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 36 tons of food every business day.