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**RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORTS CONNECTICUT FOOD BANK**

**TO ADDRESS INCREASED NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE**

*Donation is part of the company’s $5 million dollar commitment to Feeding America*

**WALLINGFORD, CONN., June 9, 2020** – The need for food assistance in Connecticut is projected to increase by as much as 40 percent as a result of the pandemic, according to new research by Feeding America.  To help provide food and other essentials to our neighbors in need, Raytheon Technologies has committed $5 million to Feeding America to support local food banks. This donation will help Connecticut Food Bank to source, transport, and distribute food to people in need through its network of 500 partners and programs in six Connecticut counties.

“Prior to COVID-19, 1 in 9 people in our service area struggled with hunger, including nearly 77,000 children,” said Daniel Gomez, COO of Connecticut Food Bank. “Since COVID-19, we have seen an increase in visitors and need across our network – in some cases by 50 percent or more. We are proud to partner with Raytheon Technologies to provide meals to people who struggle to put food on the tables.”

The donation will help Connecticut Food Bank meet the spike in need across its region by helping them purchase food to fill the gap left by product donations that previously came from the food industry. As consumer demand has emptied grocery store shelves, there is less product available to food banks. Connecticut Food Bank has purchased more food in the last two months than it purchased throughout all of last year.

“The impact of COVID-19 on communities has been swift and unprecedented,” said Greg Hayes, CEO of Raytheon Technologies. “The communities where our employees live and work are in need, and it’s our responsibility to support our friends and neighbors during this crisis.”

Connecticut Food Bank is one of 17 Feeding America® member food banks receiving donations from Raytheon Technologies. The company is helping to provide 50 million meals to people in need in communities across the country.

For more information about Connecticut Food Bank’s efforts to fight hunger during COVID-19, please visit ctfoodbank.org.

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**About Connecticut Food Bank**

Connecticut Food Bank distributes food through a network of 500 partners and programs in Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Windham counties, representing more than 70% of the state’s population and where 65% of the state’s food insecure – nearly 270,000 people – struggle with hunger. Last year, Connecticut Food Bank distributed food to help provide 22.5 million meals. Connecticut Food Bank is committed to alleviating hunger in Connecticut by providing food resources, raising awareness of the challenges of hunger, and advocating for people who struggle with food insecurity. Connecticut Food Bank partners with the food industry, food growers, donors, and volunteers to distribute nutritious food to people in need. Visit us on the web at [www.ctfoodbank.org](http://www.ctfoodbank.org), like us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank) and follow @CTFoodBank on [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/ctfoodbank) and [Instagram](http://www.instagram.com/ctfoodbank)

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