

## Foodshare Awarded \$85,850 Mutual Impact Grant by MassMutual

Bloomfield, CT – Foodshare has been awarded a Mutual Impact grant, in the amount of \$85,850, by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) through the company's Mutual Impact community investment program. Mutual Impact is funded by MassMutual employees through the company's annual employee giving program and matched by the MassMutual Foundation, a dedicated corporate foundation established by MassMutual.

This is the second year that Foodshare has received a Mutual Impact grant. "Funding from MassMutual has already connected thousands of our hungry neighbors throughout the Enfield and Hartford County area with access to healthy food, through programs like Mobile Foodshare and SNAP Outreach," according to Diana Goode, Vice President of Development for Foodshare. "We look forward to continuing this partnership with MassMutual employees to nourish our neighbors in the year ahead."

The Mutual Impact program is completely driven by MassMutual employees who choose cause areas and nonprofit organizations to receive funding. They make donations, which are matched dollar-for-dollar by the MassMutual Foundation to fund grants, and they volunteer in support of the organizations selected.

Nonprofits are chosen because they have demonstrated excellence in their organization, volunteer opportunities, and community impact.



"Corporate responsibility and community involvement are part of our DNA and we take great pride in helping people in the communities where we live and work secure a better future," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility with MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation Board of Directors. "Foodshare tirelessly devotes time and energy in support of families in our local community, and we are pleased to support them through the Mutual Impact program."

Mutual Impact grants were awarded to 21 nonprofit organizations for programs that fit within specific cause areas, including early grade reading proficiency, food insecurity, violence prevention, family economic self-sufficiency, returning veterans, successful advancement in school, child hunger, and education.

For more information about MassMutual's community responsibility efforts and for a full list of this year's Mutual Impact grantees, visit [www.massmutual.com](http://www.massmutual.com). Keep up with Foodshare's latest news and updates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@Foodshare).

## **About Foodshare**

Foodshare is Greater Hartford's regional food bank, working to nourish our neighbors every, single day by increasing access to healthy food. In addition to providing 11.5 million meals worth of food through 300 local programs each year, Foodshare is building collaborative partnerships across the region and advocating on behalf of those we serve, to help stabilize lives with one goal in mind—building a stronger and healthier Greater Hartford for us all. Join the movement today by visiting [www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org).

## **About MassMutual**

MassMutual is a leading mutual life insurance company that is run for the benefit of its members and participating policyowners. MassMutual offers a wide range of financial products and services, including life insurance, disability income insurance, long term care insurance, annuities, retirement plans and other employee benefits. For more information, visit [www.massmutual.com](http://www.massmutual.com).

## **About the MassMutual Foundation**

The MassMutual Foundation, a dedicated corporate foundation established by MassMutual, strives to broaden economic opportunity for America's youth and their families by investing in financial education across the United States and economic development, academic achievement and workforce development locally. The Foundation is a reflection of MassMutual's longstanding dedication to corporate citizenship and its unwavering commitment to the communities in which the company conducts business. To learn more, visit [www.massmutual.com/responsibility](http://www.massmutual.com/responsibility).