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Media Alert

Food Banks to Host Legislative Breakfast on April 13 *Aim of Breakfast is to Raise Awareness of Need in State*

WALLINGFORD, CONN., April 10, 2017 – The Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare will jointly host an informational breakfast for legislators on Thursday, April 13, at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The leadership of the two food banks and representatives of partner organizations will speak, as will people who have received food assistance. The 20-minute presentation will begin at 8:30AM.

The purpose of the breakfast is to raise awareness of the problem of hunger in Connecticut, where nearly 500,000 people are food insecure, as well as to share information with legislators about the work of the two regional food banks serving the state.

WHAT: Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare Legislative Breakfast

WHEN: Thursday, April 13, 8:00AM to 9:30AM; presentation begins at 8:30AM

WHERE: Legislative Dining Room, located in the cafeteria of the Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

WHO: Foodshare Interim CEO Jack Hackendorn, Connecticut Food Bank CEO Bernie Beaudreau, End Hunger CT! Executive Director Lucy Nolan, representatives of community-based hunger relief organizations and members of the public who have needed food assistance.

VISUALS: Food bank leadership, local program leaders, food pantry customers, legislators and staff will hear a brief presentation. A breakfast of cereal, milk, juice and other items that are similar to those eaten by children who receive free breakfast at school will be served.

Food bank leaders will be available for comment after the breakfast.

About the Connecticut Food Bank:

[The Connecticut Food Bank](http://www.ctfoodbank.org) is committed to alleviating hunger in Connecticut by providing food resources, raising awareness of the challenges of hunger and advocating for people who need help meeting basic needs. The Connecticut Food Bank partners with the food industry, food growers, donors and volunteers to distribute nutritious food to people in need, which last year provided 18 million meals. We distribute that food through a network of community based programs to six Connecticut counties - Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties – where more than 300,000 people struggle with hunger. Visit us on the web at www.ctfoodbank.org, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow @CTFoodBank on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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. Visit us on the web at www.foodshare.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@Foodshare\)](#) and [Instagram \(@FoodshareCT\)](#).

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