

The Connecticut Food Bank and FoodShare are new 2010-2012 Project

At the recent 113th annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., held at Heritage Village, Southbury, CT., a new 2010-2012 GFWC/CT State Project was chosen. The Connecticut Food Bank and their partner FoodShare, was selected by a majority vote of the membership.

The Connecticut Food Bank, the largest centralized source of emergency food in Connecticut, serves 650 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and low-income child and adult day programs in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. In 2009, Connecticut Food Bank distributed 18.7 million pounds of food, an average of about 37 tons of food every business day.

FoodShare is the heart of greater Hartford's fight against hunger, bringing together individuals and organizations to end hunger in all 42 towns of Hartford and Tolland counties. As the region's food bank, 16 tons of food is distributed each day, 365 days a year to a network of nearly 350 local partners that feed hungry families. In 2009, FoodShare provided over 12 million pounds of food to a vital safety net serving more than 128,000 people in that region, including seniors, the working poor and 50,000 children.

The Northford Women's Club Inc., GFWC/CT proposed this project, with club member Patty Meglio, designed as Chairman. It will be her responsibility over the next two years to disseminate information to state clubs about hunger issues in communities and what can be done to help.

Through GFWC/CT efforts, both organizations will benefit by disseminating information, increasing awareness, receiving in-kind donations and monetary support. If you'd like to join us in these efforts, monetary donations may be sent directly to Connecticut Food Bank, PO Box 8686, New Haven, CT. 06531-0696, please indicate GFWC/CT in the memo line.

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