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**Quota Club of New Haven Recognized Nationally for  
Volunteer Efforts with Connecticut Food Bank**  
*Group has donated more than 2,000 hours of service*

**(NASHVILLE, TN)** - Quota International of New Haven received the 2013 Excellence in Food Banking Award in Volunteer Service at the annual Feeding America Network Executive Directors' meeting in Nashville this month for its ongoing commitment to Connecticut Food Bank. The group was named the top volunteer organization among those who work with the more than 200 food banks in the national Feeding America network.

Since its members began volunteering with Connecticut Food Bank in 2006, they have logged more than 2,000 hours of service. It all began when Quota members were seeking volunteer opportunities that would match one of the club's international service missions - to help disadvantaged women and children - with the food bank's work to alleviate hunger. As a result, the club was instrumental in the start up of Connecticut Food Bank's Kids' BackPack Program.

Quota Club members continue to volunteer three days each month to pack nutritious food for the Mobile Pantry Program, directly benefiting at least 800 families a month who receive bags of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"The volunteers from Quota International of New Haven are truly inspirational," said Bob Aiken, President and CEO of Feeding America, the nation's leading hunger relief charity. "Their commitment to Connecticut Food Bank is essential in helping to fight hunger in their community. Our food banks couldn't do what they do without the help and efforts of our volunteers."

"It's fitting to recognize the wonderful Quota Club volunteers during National Volunteer Week," said Nancy L. Carrington, Connecticut Food Bank's President & CEO. "Their dedication to the problem of hunger in Connecticut is appreciated not only by the food bank, but also by the men, women and children who are struggling with hunger in Connecticut."

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is the largest centralized source of emergency food in Connecticut. Through warehouses in East Haven, Fairfield, and Waterbury, and affiliated distribution centers in New London and Stamford, the food bank provides products to approximately 600 soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and child and adult day programs in Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Windham counties.

More information about Connecticut Food Bank can be found at [www.ctfoodbank.org](http://www.ctfoodbank.org).

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**Connecticut Food Bank** serves approximately 600 community-based feeding programs in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. Connecticut Food Bank distributes an average of 34 tons of food every business day.

**Feeding America** provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit <http://www.feedingamerica.org>. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeedingAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/FeedingAmerica) or follow our news on Twitter at [twitter.com/FeedingAmerica](https://twitter.com/FeedingAmerica).