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## News Release

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### Ocean State Job Lot Makes Large Seafood Donation to Connecticut Food Bank

**WALLINGFORD, CONN., July 30, 2018** – Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL) recently delivered a donation of 13,503 pounds of frozen clam strips to the Connecticut Food Bank. The donation came in 1,929 cases. “We’re thrilled to get this food donation from Ocean State Job Lot,” said Connecticut Food Bank CEO Bernie Beaudreau. “It’s unusual to get this type of product and we’re anxious to share it with our network of feeding programs across the state. It will provide a great source of protein and a special treat to many people who visit those programs.”

Beaudreau said the product donation is unusual, but that donations from Ocean State Job Lot are not new. “Last year alone, we received nearly 400,000 pounds of food from Ocean State Job Lot. That’s enough food to prepare more than 333,000 meals.”

“We’re happy and proud to call the Connecticut Food Bank our partner in helping address the needs of the communities we serve,” said David Sarlitto, Executive Director, Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation. “With their leadership, and the generosity of customers we think are among the most generous on the planet, we’re that much closer to a hunger-free Connecticut.”

Each year, the Ocean State Job Lot “Three Square Meals” program offers a bonanza of donated food to regional food banks across the northeast. Three Square Meals provided more than eight million pounds of food in 2017. The program is made possible by generous donations from OSJL customers during the holiday season and matched by OSJL, which then uses its purchasing power to source large amounts of a broad range of foods that are delivered to food banks in eight states.

The frozen clam strips arrived Wednesday, July 25. Each case contains 24 four-ounce single serving boxes, making the product convenient for distribution to individuals and families that receive them through the Connecticut Food Bank network of programs.

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“Three Square Meals has been a tradition for many years,” Beaudreau said. “We are glad to be part of that, and we’re especially appreciative of the other donations that come throughout the year, like yesterday’s delivery of these clam strips. Ocean State Job Lot is a true leader in the fight against hunger in our communities.”

### **About the Connecticut Food Bank:**

*The 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 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 more than 21 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](http://www.ctfoodbank.org), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow @CTFoodBank on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).*

### **About Ocean State Job Lot:**

*Now in its 40th year, Ocean State Job Lot is a growing, privately held discount retail chain with 131 stores in New England, New York, and New Jersey, approximately 5,000 employees, and annual sales exceeding \$675 million. Job Lot sells brand name, first quality merchandise at closeout prices. Shoppers find an ever-changing array of household goods, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal products (holiday, gardening, patio, pool and beach supply), and kitchen pantry staples at a fraction of their typical price. The company was named by Forbes Magazine as a 2017 and 2018 “Best Midsize Employer.”*

*The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation has a long history of philanthropic leadership, placing emphasis on local food banks in communities where Job Lot operates stores. The Foundation also supports medical and literacy initiatives, disaster relief efforts, the performing arts, military service members and their families, seniors, teachers, first responders, and special needs and foster children. Ocean State Job Lot is headquartered at 375 Commerce Park Road in the Quonset Point Business Park, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Phone: (401) 295-2672; Web: [OceanStateJobLot.com](http://OceanStateJobLot.com).*

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