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As we went to press, we launched our HUNGER TO HEALTH: Go Beyond Food campaign to partner with health care providers to increase awareness of and access to health care services for people in need.

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District makes Saturday Mobile Pantry a reality

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The Connecticut Food Bank

Recognizes Donors

The Connecticut Food Bank recognized donors from the business, education, and private sectors at the Annual Donor Appreciation Reception held at the food bank on October 18.

The evening recognized many dedicated donors who make possible the work of the Connecticut Food Bank and provided guests with an opportunity to get a glimpse inside the agencies and programs that distribute food throughout our service area.

Connecticut Food Bank CEO, Bernie Beaudreau, presented awards in six categories to donors throughout our service area.

1. The Distinguished Philanthropic Award in Schools was presented to the Hopkins School, in New Haven, for their long-standing personal commitment and support of the Connecticut Food Bank.

2. The Commitment and Service Award was presented to KeyBank and to James Trimble, a New Haven resident and volunteer, for their significant and ongoing support of corporate food donations, store-based charitable giving campaigns, and their founding support of the GROW! & Shop.

3. The Harvest Club Award was presented to Paul and Sandra Linton of Madison, recognizing their decades-long giving to the Connecticut Food Bank.

4. The Corporate Impact Award was presented to Stop & Shop for their significant and ongoing support of the Connecticut Food Bank through food drives, corporate food donations, store-based charitable giving campaigns, and their founding support of the GROW! & Shop.

5. The Media Impact Award was presented to WCIC FM for hosting the annual Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Bus food and fund drive, which marked its 28th year in November.

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