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In the state of Connecticut, over 488,000 people are food insecure. These are people from all walks of life – working parents, seniors, people with disabilities, etc.



1 in 5 children in Connecticut are food insecure. That's nearly 152,990 kids who do not know where their next meal is coming from.



- **72% of households receiving food assistance live at or below the poverty line.**



**HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
FOOD AND UTILITIES**



**HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE**



**HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
FOOD AND EDUCATION**

The logo for the Connecticut Food Bank. It features the word "CONNECTICUT" in orange, "FOOD BANK" in green, and "MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA" in smaller green text to the right.

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FEEDING AMERICA

Connecticut Food Bank distributes an average of 68,000 meals per business day across 127 cities and towns in six of eight Connecticut counties.



Foodshare distributes an average of 46,000 meals per business day to a network of 300 local partner programs that feed our hungry neighbors.

How Can State Employees get involved?

1. Monetary donations may be made online thru the [Virtual Food Drive](#) by clicking on the Care & Share button on www.ct.gov. Cash and checks will be collected as well.
2. Participate in a state-wide agency [Volleyball Tournament](#).
3. Donate [non-perishable food items](#) to the designated area in your department's working space.

Virtual Food Drive

- Visit www.ct.gov and click on the “Care & Share” button. The screen on the left will appear. Once on that page, choose a food category tab and select which food items you would like purchase.
- After you’ve selected your food items, proceed to check out. Please type you department name in the recognition name field. Complete the donation process fields and click submit.
- *It is very important to include your department in the recognition field so we can accurately account for designated donations.*

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Virtual Food Drive 2015. At the top, there is a green header with the text "Virtual Food Drive" and navigation links for "Home", "FAQ", and "Mission". Below the header, the page title "Virtual Food Drive 2015" is displayed. A navigation bar contains tabs for "Our Story", "Fruits & Vegetables", "Dairy & Protein", "Cereals & Grains", and "Meat". The main content area features the "GOVERNOR'S CARE & SHARE" logo, which includes a stylized figure holding a heart. Below the logo, the text reads "Governor's Care & Share" and "Welcome to Governor Malloy's Care & Share!". A paragraph of text follows: "Governor Malloy is dedicated to fighting hunger in Connecticut. He is asking all State of Connecticut employees to help raise awareness and funds to feed our friends and neighbors in need. Contributing online through the Virtual Food Drive is the easiest and most effective way to provide meals to those who".

The screenshot shows the product selection page of the Virtual Food Drive 2015. It features a green header with "Virtual Food Drive" and navigation links for "Home", "FAQ", and "Mission". The page title "Virtual Food Drive 2015" is present. A navigation bar includes tabs for "Our Story", "Fruits & Vegetables", "Dairy & Protein", "Cereals & Grains", and "Meat". The main content area displays a grid of food items, each with an image, name, weight, and price. The items are: Green Beans (25 lbs, \$8), Tomatoes (15 lbs, \$9), Corn (100 lbs, \$21), Cranberries (144 oz, \$38), Carrots (50 lbs, \$40), Apples (260 lbs, \$51), Potatoes (500 lbs, \$65), and Avocados (100 lbs, \$84). Each item has an "Add To Cart" button. On the right side, there is a "SHOPPING CART" section with a "CHECK OUT" button and a "DONATE (without shipping)" button. Below the cart, there is a "Team Roster" section with a "Raised" column and a "Team Gifts" section. At the bottom right, there is a "Team Progress" section showing "0% of Goal" and "\$0 Raised".



Agency Volleyball Tournament



Want to put an end to that divisional rivalry within the Agency? Want to challenge that other agency for supremacy on the court?

Agencies are invited to form teams of 10 to compete for the honor and glory that comes from a well-fought victory to help fight hunger.

Now is the time! For one night – the A.I. Prince Technical High School gymnasium will be turned into a “Field of Dreams” for this worthy cause.

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Entry fee for teams of ten will be \$100 (or \$10/person*). Teams will play in groups to guarantee at least three games.

Agency Volleyball Tournament

- Each team will be placed in a group with 3 other teams.
- Teams may request specific agency teams they would like to compete against.
- There will be a champion for each group.
- Groups will be arranged by skill level.
- For individuals who would like to play, we can find you a team

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Time: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm

24 teams to reach our goal, so please sign-up now!

Contact your Care & Share Representative, if you are interested in playing or sponsoring a player.



Donate Non-Perishable Food

Drop off Date: Friday, January 22, 2016



We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare.

Below are items that are needed

- Canned Tuna
- Instant Potatoes
- Sugar Free/Low-sodium Products
- Canned Meat Products
- Canned Fruits/Vegetables
- Dried Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta/Sauce (Plastic Jars)
- Peanut Butter (Plastic Jars)
- Rice
- Soup
- Beef Stew
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Cereal/Oatmeal

Thank you all in advance for helping to provide food to our hungry neighbors in the State of Connecticut.

To learn more about what you can do year round to help alleviate hunger in Connecticut, visit www.ctfoodbank.org and www.foodshare.org