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The Greater Boston Food Bank distributes approximately 30 million pounds of food and grocery products annually to nearly 600 member hunger-relief agencies throughout eastern Massachusetts in a dedicated partnership to end hunger in our region. The Food Bank serves 83,000 people each week.

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Hunger-Relief Agencies Get Creative as Recession Drags On

"I'm So Glad We Can Come Here"

Over the past two years, Kathy Mullen at St. Paul's Table in Brockton watched as more families with young children began showing up at the soup kitchen. Most people don't want to bring their children to a soup kitchen if they can help it, but the worsening economy was causing more household food budgets to fall short, and many feeding programs for children don't accommodate adults.



A family at St. Paul's Table in Brockton waits to enjoy a healthy lunch.

Finally, St. Paul's created special reserved tables that allow family members to eat together as a unit, and this has proved a resounding success with clients. "Food is scarce right now, so any chance I get, I'm bringing my family here," said Laurie Tavares, a mother of seven and grandmother of one.

The new tables are just one sign of how hunger-relief organizations are adapting to the growing need for food assistance as unemployment remains stubbornly high in the Commonwealth and the recession drags on. Agencies have also been looking for ways to bring in more food.

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Hunger Day Speaker Shares Her Story of Need

"Could you imagine not knowing where your next meal was coming from?"

This was the question Melissa Aia asked legislators at Hunger Day on the Hill, when emergency food providers from across the state rallied at the Massachusetts State House this spring. Aia is a single mother from Amesbury who works full-time as a certified nurse's assistant but still visits Our Neighbors' Table on the North Shore to help feed her four children.

Here are Melissa's own words from her speech, as she sought to help raise awareness of hunger in order to maintain funding for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP) that provides nutritious food to the state's food banks and meal programs.

"I am a single mother of four children, and recently a grandchild was added to my family. I have been going to Our Neighbors' Table for around 14 years. There are some years

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I hope the start of autumn finds you well. As we start a new fiscal year at The Greater Boston Food Bank, I want to take a moment

to thank you for your support in helping us feed the hungry. Many generous gifts of money, food, and time are playing a vital role in providing nutritious meals for the growing number of people in need of food assistance as the economy continues to decline this year.

I also want to thank the many people who made our new building at 70 South Bay Avenue possible. We are still settling into our new space and learning how to operate at maximum efficiency within it. But every day we appreciate the clean and modern design created by architect Tom Sieniewicz of the Cambridge-based firm Chan Krieger Sieniewicz.

Among the people who made this building possible were construction trade union members who donated both labor for the building and funds for the capital campaign (see page 3). Corporate donors gave us everything from crucial funding to gently used, but still beautiful office furnishings. Foundations gave some of the

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largest single gifts to the capital campaign, and we could not have built this Yawkey Distribution Center without them. Generous contributions from individuals have also come in, and continue to flow in, showing wide support from the community.

I hope that you will attend our Open House Celebration on October 24, or volunteer and experience the efficient new food sorting area that is now up and running.

As you enter our lobby, you will see a large “X” painted on the floor, a symbolic icon that marks our connection to our founder, Kip Tiernan. Kip’s grandmother fed the hungry in her New Haven, Conn., home during the Depression. A 7-year-old Kip asked her grandmother how these people in need knew to come to the house for a meal.

Her grandmother told her to watch as they left — with a piece of charcoal they marked an “X” on the sidewalk as a sign to others that this was a “safe house.”

So come and see our safe house, and let us help you find a role in ending hunger.

Thank you,

Catherine D'Amato
President/CEO

October 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Greater Boston Food Bank's Open House Celebration!

Join The Food Bank family as we celebrate the opening of the new Yawkey Distribution Center of The Greater Boston Food Bank. Tour the new facility and learn more about the day-to-day operations of The Food Bank, from Kids Cafe and food safety to shipping and receiving.

Calendar

Get Involved!

Here's what's happening at The Greater Boston Food Bank. For details, visit www.gbfb.org/events.

October 17

Shop for a Cause

Shop for a Cause during Macy's National Charity Shopping Day. Proceeds benefit the Feeding America national food bank network. Purchase a \$5 shopping pass from The Food Bank's Web site and receive great savings on in-store and online purchases at Macy's all day.

October 27

Recipes for Feeding America

Come to Morton's in the Seaport district for a cocktail reception benefiting Feeding America, the national network of food banks that includes The Greater Boston Food Bank. A sampling of recipes from Morton's The Cookbook will be featured, paired with a selection of fine wine and cocktails. Tickets are \$39 per guest and include a \$5 donation to Feeding America, tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 617-526-0410.

November 15

Harpoon Helps Pre-Thanksgiving Beer-B-Que

For the third year in a row, Harpoon Brewery in Boston joins forces with the New England Barbeque Society to create a barbeque-style Thanksgiving meal at the Brewery, with all proceeds going to The Food Bank. Tickets go on sale mid-October. www.harpoonbrewery.com

USDA Assistance Provides Needed Support

Valuable Funding Supplies Nutritious Commodities

Last May, Congress passed the Farm Bill, and within just weeks of the legislation's passage, much needed USDA commodity foods — orange juice, cheese, frozen turkey roast, and more — started arriving at The Greater Boston Food Bank. Then, earlier this year, the federal stimulus package provided funding for additional USDA commodity foods. This bigger supply of food has played a critical role in helping The Food Bank keep pace with the growing need for food assistance in its service area, a region that encompasses 190 cities and towns in the nine counties of eastern Massachusetts.

The USDA supplies commodities through The Emergency Food Assistance Program, or TEFAP. The Food Bank is getting more than \$5.7 million in TEFAP funding this year, which includes an additional \$563,000 in stimulus funds to purchase commodities, according to Bob Canavan, former acting regional administrator for the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).


"This is getting emergency food on the tables of low-income families quickly and at no cost," said Canavan. "Providing food to those in need will help families weather these tough economic times."

Unemployment reached 8.8 percent in Massachusetts in July, and even rose into the double digits in some pockets of the state. This has increased the need for food assistance across the state. State spending on food aid has not risen since 2007, and has fallen by \$500,000 to \$11.5 million this year. Food donations have remained level, so federal commodities are an increasingly important part of the mix of food that The Food Bank distributes to those in need.

"This food could have not come at a better time," said Food Bank President and CEO Catherine D'Amato. "The USDA and the federal government have been valued

partners in the fight against hunger; but their support is now critical to keeping up with the growing need."

Approximately 434 members of The Food Bank's food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters are eligible to receive USDA commodities, which today make up 27 percent of The Food Bank's distribution, compared to 13 percent a year ago. This nutritious food includes whole chicken, eggs, and frozen orange juice that can now easily be stored in the new Yawkey Distribution Center. The USDA also supplies non-perishable goods such as canned peaches and other items.

The Farm Bill also contained additional hunger-relief assistance in the form of increased funding for the Food Stamp Program (renamed Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP). These are benefits that have recently become available, to further help people in need, allowing our member agencies to provide a nutritious mix of foods to their clients, which include vulnerable populations of seniors and children. 



Dr. Janey Thornton, Deputy Under Secretary of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, right, visited The Greater Boston Food Bank in June. Standing with her near a shipment of frozen turkey breast is Food Bank warehouse receiver Ray Amezcua.

Construction Unions Give Generously to New Food Bank



Ironworkers, pictured here at the topping off ceremony for The Greater Boston Food Bank's new building, were among the construction workers who contributed to the capital campaign.

Local construction trade union members played a valuable role in making the Yawkey Distribution Center of The Greater Boston Food Bank a reality by contributing generous combinations of time, labor, and money. The following unions provided either a donation, or discounted labor, or both:

- New England Regional Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 33
- Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 17
- Iron Workers Union Local 7
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Workers Local 33
- United Association of Pipefitters Local 537
- Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices United Association Local 550
- Massachusetts Laborers' District Council of the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 1421
- Plumbers and Gasfitters Union Local 12
- International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4
- International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 4
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trade District Council #35

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Carol and Howard Anderson — “Alleviating Hunger is Our Highest Priority”

The Greater Boston Food Bank is fortunate indeed to have dedicated and passionate friends like Carol and Howard Anderson, for whom hunger and homelessness in Boston are longtime concerns.

The Andersons' philanthropic activism helps fuel the engine that keeps The Food Bank going strong, even in these difficult times. “Helping alleviate hunger is our highest charitable priority right now,” said Carol. “It seems that having enough to eat in America should be an inalienable right. There's nothing more basic.”

Shared service on the Boston Foundation's board of directors is what first brought Carol and Food Bank President and CEO Catherine D'Amato together for what became a wonderful friendship and a boon for The Food Bank. “Catherine's one of my heroes,” said Carol, a director at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and formerly a managing director of HarbourVest Partners, LLC.

The Andersons first visited the “old” Food Bank for a tour a few years ago. Howard was keenly interested in seeing the

operations up-close, especially since his parents had run small wholesale grocery business when he was growing up in Atlantic City.

Howard and Carol saw firsthand how The Food Bank was distributing an estimated 100,000 pounds of food a day — and how severely crowded the warehouse was, especially for much needed perishables such as dairy, fruit, and vegetables. “We understood immediately that the old facility was outdated, and we found the plan for the new Food Bank extremely well-conceived,” said Howard, who is founder of the Yankee Group and Battery Ventures, and is now the William Porter Distinguished Lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management.


As successful business executives known for their financial acumen and appetite for details, both asked many questions during this visit, inquiring about the food supply as well as the ways The Food Bank manages a complex array of logistics. They appreciated the degree to which business principles and practices underpin The Food Bank's efficiency.

Later that day, the Andersons made the decision to commit a generous gift to the



Howard, left, and Carol Anderson take time during an event to smile for the camera.

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope campaign for the new Yawkey Distribution Center. And their generosity has not waned throughout the years. In August the Andersons successfully bid for four concert tickets donated by Bruce Springsteen to benefit The Food Bank. “So many people who were close to the edge have now been pushed over and need help,” said Carol. “We think The Food Bank is doing an extraordinary job.”

For information about how you can give to The Food Bank, please visit our Web site at www.gbfb.org. 

Feeding America and The Food Bank Partner for Hunger Action Month


The second annual Hunger Action Month (HAM) took place in September and was a nationwide call-to-action with the theme “Give A Little, Feed A Lot.” Started by Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief charity, Hunger Action Month seeks to increase hunger awareness and lessen food insecurity through a series of food and fundraising events sponsored by corporate partners. Proceeds benefit both Feeding America and its member food banks.

Macy's, with a long history of support for hunger-relief, hosted events at stores across the nation, including dinner party events on September 15, a culinary event on September 16, and a fashion event on September 24 to benefit The Greater Boston Food Bank. The Cheesecake Factory sponsored a food drive on September 25 that also benefited The Food Bank.

While September was Hunger Action Month, corporate food and fundraising events take place all year long. The Food Bank is partnering with Macy's on October

17 for its annual Shop for a Cause event (see Calendar on page 2 for more information).

Feeding America supplies food to more than 25 million Americans every year through its network of more than 200 member food banks and food rescue organizations, including The Greater Boston Food Bank.

Visit www.gbfb.org to learn more about these events or to get involved. Take a minute to give a little, and feed a lot. 

Pier Fish Company and Pete & Gerry's Organic Eggs Donate Protein-Rich Foods

As The Greater Boston Food Bank continues to seek new suppliers of nutritious foods, two family-owned New England companies are already making donations of high-quality, protein-rich foods. Pier Fish Company and Pete & Gerry's Organic Eggs are two noteworthy examples of how regional businesses are stepping up and giving more to The Food Bank at a crucial time.

Pier Fish Company

For three generations, Pier Fish has delivered quality seafood to Boston and beyond. The family business launched in 1910, and today the five Barry brothers carry on a tradition of excellence and community service. Pier Fish is the largest donor of seafood to The Food Bank, contributing anywhere from 600 to 3,000 pounds of freshly frozen whitefish per month.

Richard Barry, president of the New Bedford and Boston-based company, has long been a supporter of The Food Bank. He noted that 100 years of continued success for a business is not only rare, it is a gift that should give back. So he and his brothers make it a part of their business to do what they do best — bring great fish to people who want and need it. "We're fortunate. It's a two-way street; you have got to help people. You have to spread it around," he said.

Every month, whatever the season, Pier Fish donates all of the #1 grade cuts of fish that, for some small reason (say, a split flounder tail) isn't up to their in-store standard. The company also packages fish at cost for The Food Bank, portioning it into sizes that pantries and soup kitchens can easily use.

"It comes from the heart," Barry said. "It takes every member of the team to do this. We're grateful to be able to have so many good people, and to be able to give to so many good people."

Pete & Gerry's Organic Eggs

At Pete & Gerry's Organic Eggs in Monroe, N.H., Jesse La Flamme helps run the business with his father, Gerry. The company began as a small egg farm shortly after World War II. Today, Pete & Gerry's considers itself small at 140,000 hens (a large egg farm can have up to a million hens), but it sells its organic eggs and products to major companies and organizations, from Stop & Shop and Shaw's to Harvard and MIT.

Pete & Gerry's makes a point of treating its animals well. The company works with smaller, family farms and supports local food pantries and agencies. The company's gift of 720 dozen jumbo eggs at Easter gave The Food Bank a cache of healthy, organic eggs, perfect for area families to eat.

Donations of this kind of fresh, often more costly, product are hard for The Food Bank to come by. Many times The Food Bank needs to purchase or forego such items due to cost. For Easter, the donation was an especially welcome treat.

For Jesse La Flamme, this was just the first donation of what he hopes will become "a natural part of their business." He said he wanted to "give back something that I think people really appreciate; great tasting, truly healthy, food. Nothing better." 📷

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Hunger Day Speaker Shares Her Story of Need



Left to right, Rosemary Werner, executive director, Our Neighbors' Table, Amesbury; Melissa Aia, client at Our Neighbors' Table and a speaker at Hunger Day on the Hill; Catherine D'Amato, president and CEO, The Greater Boston Food Bank; Julie LaFontaine, executive director, Open Door Food Pantry, Gloucester; and Adam Martignetti, chief of staff for State Rep. Michael Costello.

when there would have been no Christmas or Thanksgiving dinner if it were not for this wonderful program.

"The staff at Our Neighbors' Table is like family. After a hot meal, the kids get up and go pick a cookie or piece of pie for dessert. Dessert is not always available at my house during the week.

"After dinner we go over to the food pantry and get bread, milk, juice, canned veggies, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, noodles, and toilet paper. These things may not seem like much, but to me it is money off my grocery bill and really makes a difference every week.

"A lot of people rely on Our Neighbors' Table. They serve families, the homeless, the mentally challenged and the elderly. With the economy in crisis, salary raises being frozen, food prices going up, unemployment at an all time high and gas prices rising again, our community needs Our Neighbors' Table even more.

"Could you imagine not knowing where your next meal was coming from, or if you had to starve so there was enough food for your family at dinner? People deserve one good hot meal a week. For some, that may be all they eat for days.

"Please help our community." 📷

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope Gains Urgency

New Building Opens at Crucial Time

With much anticipation, The Greater Boston Food Bank opened its new green facility for business on April 22, significantly increasing the amount of nutritious food it can store and distribute.

This increased capacity comes at a critical time as the number of hungry individuals and families in eastern Massachusetts continues to grow. All of our agencies are reporting an increase in the number of people seeking emergency food assistance — and in some areas the increase is as high as 40 percent. The Food Bank's new 117,000-square-foot facility will help us to

significantly increase our distribution of food and grocery products over the next 15 years to nearly 50 million pounds annually.

The gifts pledged to the Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope capital campaign demonstrate the community's commitment to building and maintaining this critical facility. We are close to achieving our Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope capital campaign goal. At this time, when help is needed most, please make support of the campaign among your top priorities.

Visit www.newfoodbank.org to help. 

State Street's Volunteer Sorting Area Streamlines Work

Volunteers are critical to the work of The Greater Boston Food Bank, helping to inspect, sort and pack food that is distributed to hunger-relief agencies — providing the equivalent of \$600,000 or more worth of labor each year. And now, with the launching of the new volunteer sorting area in the Yawkey Distribution Center, the work of volunteers is streamlined and more efficient, and in a comfortable and modern setting.

Volunteers from corporate, school and civic groups are already hard at work as the system is tested and finalized. Already, The Food Bank can see the positive results that a better system can bring: Volunteers find the training easier and faster; the room more welcoming, and the work easier to manage.

For anyone who sorted food at The Food Bank in the past, the bright, airy room overlooking the main warehouse is a significant improvement, with conveyor belts enabling groups to separate and sort different products concurrently.

The State Street Foundation Volunteer Room was made possible through a generous gift to the Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope capital campaign by the State Street Foundation, a gift that reflects the corporation's long-standing commitment to The Food Bank. State Street employees have dedicated hundreds of hours to sorting food at The Food Bank, and the company sponsors an annual "Golden Gloves Sorting

Competition," when employee volunteers compete to sort the most food.

"State Street and the State Street Foundation partner with The Greater Boston Food Bank not only because it provides such critical assistance to our communities in Massachusetts, but also because our employees are passionate about volunteering there," said Joe McGrail, vice president, State Street Corporation Community Affairs. "The Food Bank volunteer experience is ideal for team building, so employees find it personally and professionally enriching. We even engage customers on volunteer projects there to further develop relationships between our service teams and their clients." 

New Agencies

The following hunger-relief organizations have become new members of The Greater Boston Food Bank since May:

Agency Name	Type	Town Name
St. Anthony of Padua Soup Kitchen	Soup Kitchen	New Bedford
Squash Busters	After School Program	Roxbury Crossing
Spark Center	Day Care Program	Mattapan
Among Friends	Soup Kitchen	Newburyport
SVDP/Our Lady of the Lake	Food Pantry	Halifax
Power of the Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries, Inc.	Food Pantry	Framingham
St. Luke's-San Lucas Soup Kitchen	Soup Kitchen	Chelsea
Brookville's Basket	Food Pantry	Holbrook
SVDP/St. John the Baptist	Food Pantry	Peabody
Long Island Shelter/Serving Ourselves	Soup Kitchen	Quincy
Beverly Bootstraps	Food Pantry	Beverly

“Hunger is Here” Spreads The Message of Need



New “Hunger is Here” ads have started appearing on billboards, on taxis, and in newspapers. The eastern-Massachusetts-wide effort is part of The Greater Boston Food Bank’s new marketing campaign, designed to underscore the increasing

presence of hunger in the Commonwealth and motivate people to help fight the problem. Created by Boston’s Holland-Mark agency, the “Hunger is Here” campaign leverages the invasive tone of stenciled street art to announce that hunger is closer than you think — it’s in every neighborhood, it’s on your bus or train.

The campaign may show up in some unexpected places, said Holland-Mark CEO Chris Colbert. “The challenge with hunger

is that you can’t see it and therefore some don’t believe that it really impacts the world,” he said. “The creative approach allows us to boldly debunk that view in a surprising way.”

The ads direct the public to helpfighthunger.org, where people can donate as little as \$5 to help end hunger in eastern Massachusetts. The campaign launched in April.

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Hunger-Relief Agencies Get Creative as Recession Drags On

In the suburbs, Acton Community Supper found itself serving more households and finally resorted to purchasing a used 16-foot box truck that allows the pantry to make multiple runs each week to The Greater Boston Food Bank. “As our numbers continue to climb, we need to place larger and more frequent orders,” said Kathy Casaletto, who helps run Acton Community Supper. “We would never be able to provide the variety or purchase the quantity of food we need if it weren’t for The Food Bank and the new-found access to it that our truck allows.”

The Food Bank’s member food pantries and soup kitchens across eastern Massachusetts reported serving 11 percent more clients between October 2008 and March 2009, compared to the same period a year ago. Some agencies have seen more dramatic increases — up to 40 percent.

“Our Food Bank orders are often 3,000 to 4,000 pounds. We believe this increase in need is not a short-term spike but a long-term rise,” Casaletto said.

Over in Brockton, Mullen, who is the volunteer coordinator for the soup kitchen, said three seatings instead of two have been created so that all of the clients can get in to eat. “We’re seeing people we’ve never seen

before, as well as those who keep coming back, because they’re having a tough time in this recession,” she said.

Tavares, a full-time student at Lincoln Technical Institute, is one of those regular faces at St. Paul’s Table. It was her 11-year-old son who, in need of a healthy meal now that school was out, asked Tavares if they could come in for that day’s nutritious lunch of chicken, salad, and vegetables. There was no more milk in the family’s refrigerator and only two more cans of tuna fish on the kitchen shelf.

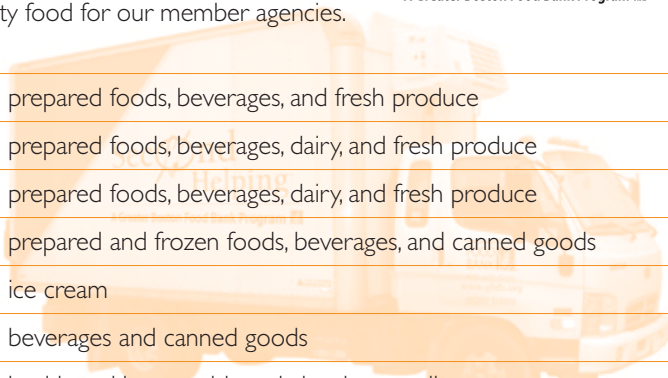
“Food is so expensive now,” Tavares said. “But food keeps my children strong and healthy, and I’m so glad we can come here.”

Food Rescues

The Greater Boston Food Bank’s Second Helping program takes advantage of large-scale food rescue opportunities at trade shows and major public events that yield high-quality food for our member agencies. Here are a few from recent months:

Boston Marathon Pasta Dinner	14,694 lbs.	prepared foods, beverages, and fresh produce
Harvard University Commencement	3,521 lbs.	prepared foods, beverages, dairy, and fresh produce
Tufts University Commencement	2,008 lbs.	prepared foods, beverages, dairy, and fresh produce
Cirelli Trade Show	3,300 lbs.	prepared and frozen foods, beverages, and canned goods
The Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl	13,716 lbs.	ice cream
Davidson Specialty Foods	5,000 lbs.	beverages and canned goods
National Association of Chain Drug Stores	8,361 lbs.	health and beauty aids and cleaning supplies

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Event Wrap-Ups

The Greater Boston Food Banquet



Above: Mayor Thomas M. Menino, left, presented Ted Cutler with a "Ted Cutler Square" plaque in recognition of his leadership of the Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope capital campaign at The Greater Boston Food Banquet in May. The Banquet was the first major event held in the Yawkey Distribution Center, and raised \$852,000. The plaque represents the designation of the area around The Food Bank as Ted Cutler Square, to honor the travel industry leader and philanthropist.

Red Sox Wives Can and Cash Drive



Above: Red Sox wives Yuka Okajima, left, and Bertha Lowell load watermelons into the Roche Bros. Marketplace during their July visit to the new Yawkey Distribution Center of The Greater Boston Food Bank. The Red Sox wives annual Can and Cash Drive raised nearly \$26,000, and 5,550 pounds of food.

The Kitchen Cabinet's Step into Summer



Above: Kitchen Cabinet members, including J.B., left, and Tiffany Dowd, helped to raise more than \$9,000 with this year's Step into Summer event hosted by Neiman Marcus in June. The evening's sponsors included Bambara, Cold River Vodka, Custom Catering by Domenic and Anthony, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, Peet's Coffee, and Sage Restaurant.



Above: Long-time supporters, Adam Ralston, left, and Bill Alfano, with WAAF-FM (97.7/107.3) DJ Greg Hill, enjoy The Greater Boston Food Banquet, where Hill was emcee for the celebratory evening.

Community Fundraisers

A number of community members organized their own events to benefit The Food Bank:

- **The Pawsitive Dog** on Southampton Street in Boston raised \$1,000 in honor of owner Breslin Bengo's birthday celebration.
- **Rialto's Tuscan Wine BBQ** and raffle raised \$3,000 for The Food Bank.


To learn about how your next raffle, birthday or anniversary party, bar or bat mitzvah, or other event can benefit The Food Bank, contact Caitlin Gorski at cgorski@gfbf.org.

Deutsche Bank Championship

At the Deutsche Bank Championship in September, members of the PGA Tour Wives Association packed 1,000 bags with nutritious foods such as canned soup, tuna, cereal, and juice to benefit the children in the Kids Cafe program at the Boys & Girls Club in Fall River. Volunteers from State Street Bank, Stop & Shop, and the Championship helped prepare the items for packing, and boxed the bags for shipment. The food was generously donated by Stop & Shop, which also had its stores serve as collection sites for the Golfing Fore Groceries food drive conducted in conjunction with the Championship.

Smithfield Cooks with Paula Deen

Smithfield Foods generously donated an entire truckload of food — 29,000 pounds of ham — to The Food Bank in August as part of the show, Smithfield Cooks With Paul Deen, although the cooking star cancelled her Boston visit due to illness.

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