

NEW MILFORD FOOD BANK

Donations may be made payable
to the
New Milford Food Bank

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Non-perishable donations can be brought to the
Food Bank during office hours

Monday-Friday (8am- 4pm)

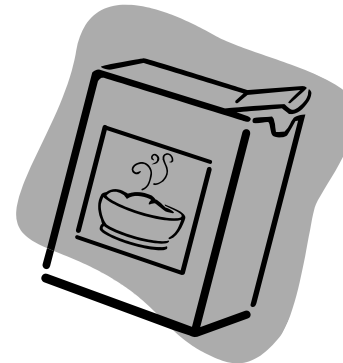
We request that donors check to see that the
donations are not expired, damaged, or open.

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**A program of
New Milford
Social Services
for local families
and individuals
who are in
need of food**



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The Food Bank offers income eligible residents one bag of non-perishable food weekly. Donated bakery items, seasonal fresh produce from local farms, and meals from The Community Culinary School of Northwestern CT are also made available to participants. Participants are counseled by a social worker before registering. Referrals are made to other services that provide on-going assistance, such as Connecticut's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP –formerly Food Stamps), local food co-ops, and the Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House (soup kitchen).

The program operates solely on donations of funds and food. *100% of gifts go towards meeting client needs.*

Monetary donations help provide emergency vouchers to enable clients to purchase fresh food and personal care items at our local grocery stores.

There are over 400 households registered for the food bank; with about 260 different households utilizing the Food Bank at least once a month; mostly once a week. Currently we are distributing an average of 155 bags of groceries each week (equaling a distribution of over 5,000 non-perishable food items monthly). (7/13)



We are also very grateful to receive donations of personal hygiene products, paper products, and household cleaning supplies.

Please see donation details on the back.

FYI

Food Insecurity is the lack of assured access at all times to enough food for healthy, active lives.

- ◆ *17.6million households in the United States were food insecure in 2012 [USDA 9/2013]*
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- ◆ *11.9% of CT households struggle with food insecurity (low and very low) This is a .8% increase over the prior year reported and over a 70% increase from 2006 [EHC2013]*
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- ◆ *96,893 children in CT are living in poverty [EHC2013]*
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- ◆ *A household of four with a gross earning of \$3,632 a month cannot qualify for SNAP (food stamps) as of Oct 1, 2013 [[EHC 2013]*
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Food Security is when all people at all times have physical and economic access to sufficient food to meet their dietary needs for a productive life.

- ◆ *From July 2012-June 2013, the New Milford Food Bank distributed over 8000 bags of food [equaling over 65,000 non-perishable food items (canned food and boxed/bagged meals)]*
- ◆ *Over 700 people access the New Milford Food Bank on a monthly basis (including approximately 232 children and 93 seniors)*

[data contributed by USDA, End Hunger Coalition, and New Milford Food Bank]