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Connecticut Food Bank Receives BJ's Charitable Foundation Grant to Provide Fresh Way to Fight Hunger

BJ's Wholesale Club Awards 30 Grants in Recognition of 30th Anniversary

East Haven, CT - Connecticut Food Bank is one of 30 food banks around the country to receive a grant from BJ's Charitable Foundation in celebration of BJ's Wholesale Club's 30th anniversary. A member of the Feeding America network, Connecticut Food Bank is among those awarded gifts to help local anti-hunger organizations distribute more fresh produce and healthy perishable groceries to people in need.

Connecticut Food Bank is using the award to provide more than 55 food-assistance agencies with equipment to safely pick-up and transport perishable food donations from local farms and retailers. By providing anti-hunger partners like food pantries, shelters and meal programs with the necessary equipment, they can transport and store a larger amount of perishable items and thus distribute more fresh food to local families struggling with food insecurity.

"We are thrilled to receive one of the 30th anniversary grants by BJ's Charitable Foundation," said Nancy L. Carrington, Connecticut Food Bank's President & CEO. "Because of this grant, we will be able to work with our local partners to help them obtain more healthful foods and ensure that food makes it into the hands of Connecticut families that are struggling with hunger."

"BJ's Wholesale Club is proud to reach our 30-year milestone and share our enthusiasm by expanding our role in the fight against hunger," said Mario Giulietti, Regional Operations Manager at BJ's Wholesale Clubs in Connecticut Food Bank's six-county service area. "Supporting Connecticut Food Bank and its local agencies' need for capacity building will ensure that perishable food can reach the people who need it most in our own backyard."

The BJ's Charitable Foundation \$21,000 grant to Connecticut Food Bank is being awarded during September as the nonprofit is observing Hunger Action Month™. Hunger Action Month is a nation-wide campaign, founded by the leading domestic hunger-relief organization Feeding America, to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger in America. Connecticut Food Bank is hosting a variety of Hunger Action Month activities, supported by the Citizens Bank Foundation. To learn more, visit www.ctfoodbank.org.

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Connecticut Food Bank serves nearly 700 community-based feeding programs in six of Connecticut's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. Connecticut Food Bank distributes an average of 40 tons of food every business day.

About BJ's Wholesale Club

BJ's is dedicated to providing Members with high-quality, brand-name food and merchandise at prices that are significantly lower than supermarkets, supercenters, department stores, drug stores and specialty retail stores. BJ's carries the most product variety of any Membership club with more than 7,000 items, including supermarket-sized staples, USDA Choice meats and stock-up items, as well as all-natural and organic products. BJ's is the only membership club to accept all manufacturers' coupons and for greater convenience, offers the most payment options including EBT.

Headquartered in Westborough, Massachusetts, BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. is a leading operator of warehouse clubs in the eastern United States. The Company currently operates 203 clubs and in 15 eastern states. Learn more and shop online at www.BJs.com or, for exclusive content visit Facebook.com/bjswholesaleclub and Twitter.com/bjswholesale.

About BJ's Charitable Foundation

BJ's Charitable Foundation was established with the mission to enrich every community BJ's Wholesale Clubs serve. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that primarily benefit the underprivileged in the area of basic needs (hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, education and health). For more information about BJ's Charitable Foundation, please visit, www.bjs.com/charity/.