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Unilever Grant Provides Support for a Growing Number of Food Insecure Connecticut Residents

***\$20,000 Grant Will Support Connecticut Food Bank's work
to provide nutritious food to people in need***

EAST HAVEN, CT - Connecticut Food Bank is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from The Unilever United States Foundation to enhance the food bank's ability to respond to the growing number of food-insecure households in Connecticut.

Unilever's Connecticut location is home to the Innovation Research and Development site in Trumbull, the major innovation center for Unilever's North America Personal Care Segments and The Customer Service and Logistics Control Tower in Shelton which have worked with Connecticut Food Bank for more than 10 years.

"Hunger is an issue that affects millions of Americans, including a growing number in our local community. Unilever is committed to improving the lives of the people and communities we serve and fighting hunger is an important part of our commitment. The grant is part of our ongoing work with the Connecticut Food Bank to support those in need," said Wendy Herrick, Vice President Logistics & Customer Service North America, Supply Chain.

According to Connecticut Food Bank's President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington, the grant funds will put more food on the tables of more than 300,000 Connecticut residents who are at risk of hunger in six Connecticut counties. "We are grateful for Unilever's continued support," said Carrington. "Families affected by hunger are making tough choices every day. The recently released 'Hunger in America 2014' study by Feeding America indicates that nearly half of the people served by our food-assistance network used three or more coping strategies in the last 12 months such as eating less expensive and unhealthy food, watering down food or drinks or pawning or selling personal property."

The \$20,000 grant to the Connecticut Food Bank is part of a \$200,000 grant that Unilever made to help support Feeding America and the network food banks based in communities where the company operates. A total of 18 grants were made to members of the Feeding America network to help provide food to those in need in their local communities.

Over the last five years, Unilever has provided more than 13 million pounds of product and more than \$3 million to Feeding America to help alleviate hunger.

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Connecticut Food Bank serves nearly 700 local emergency food assistance 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.