Connecticut Food Bank

General Information

Contact Information

Nonprofit
Connecticut Food Bank

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Wallingford, CT 06492

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At A Glance

Year of Incorporation
1982

Organization's type of tax exempt status
Public Supported Charity
Mission & Areas Served

Statements

Mission
The mission of Connecticut Food Bank is to provide nutritious food to people in need. We do this by supplying food products to our member agencies, as well as through direct food distribution programs and by promoting public awareness about the problem of hunger.

Background
Born from the concept of matching excess food supplies to individuals with limited resources, Connecticut Food Bank began distributing food in 1982 out of a 2,000 square foot warehouse in New Haven, supplying 400,000 pounds to 70 programs. Today, Connecticut Food Bank is the state's largest centralized provider of emergency hunger relief, distributing nearly 27 million pounds of food annually – enough to provide more than 22.5 million meals – to more than 600 programs across six of the state's eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. Connecticut Food Bank’s network of programs collectively serve an average of 144,000 food-insecure people of all ages every month. Member programs include food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, residential programs, senior and veteran centers, and day programs for low-income adults and children. Connecticut Food Bank’s direct outreach initiatives provide underserved populations with healthy food and nutrition education. These initiatives include the Mobile Pantry, Child Hunger Impact Program, and Commodity Supplemental Program (CSFP) for seniors. As a member of Feeding America, Connecticut Food Bank secures food donations from a national and regional network of food donors, retail partners, manufacturers, wholesalers and farms. We acquire, store, and distribute food through a centralized distribution center in Wallingford and a regional warehouse located in Bridgeport. Food is also supplied to the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank, an affiliate distribution organization in New London. Connecticut Food Bank transports food with a fleet of 17 vehicles, including three customized refrigerated mobile distribution trucks that bring food and services directly to residents of low-income neighborhoods. Connecticut Food Bank employs 65 staff members and has a pool of more than 5,000 volunteers. Food assistance is provided to people in need without regard to race, ethnic background, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and religious or political affiliation.

Impact
Last year Connecticut Food Bank distributed a record of nearly 27 million pounds of food – equivalent to more than 22.5 million meals – to benefit nearly 270,000 people in need across our six-county service area. Our network of 300+ partner agencies received nearly 23 million pounds of nutritious food from Connecticut Food Bank at little to no cost for distribution to their clients. Connecticut Food Bank distributed an additional four million pounds of food to people in need through the following direct service programs: Mobile Pantry brought fresh produce and healthy perishable groceries directly to residents of low-income neighborhoods. Fresh produce, whole grains, high protein items, and dairy accounted for more than 70% of all food distributed by the program. Two Mobile Pantry trucks travelled to 55 sites and served an average of 6,400 food-insecure households (est. 16,400 people) each month. The GROW Initiative provided fresh groceries and educational workshops for nearly 550 low-income families, serving a total of nearly 1,400 young children. Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) supplied nearly 1,600 low-income seniors with monthly food kits. Kids’ BackPack Program distributed nearly 128,000 weekend food packets to more than 3,600 food-insecure schoolchildren.
Needs
Nearly half a million people across Connecticut -- 1 in 9 people, and 1 in 6 children -- struggle with hunger every month. Connecticut Food Bank and its network of member feeding programs serve populations that are at risk of hunger and according to the USDA, are food-insecure. The USDA uses the phrase “food insecurity” to describe a lack of consistent access to adequate amounts of food for an active healthy life. Food-insecure populations include people unable to provide basic needs for their households because of economic and transportation barriers. The food we distribute helps households whose income is not sufficient to feed their families, seniors on fixed incomes and individuals who struggle economically to obtain the nutrition they need and to provide more consistency in meals, every day. Connecticut Food Bank’s three major needs are:

Funds are needed from foundations, corporations and through individual donations to support procurement of food and grocery programs for distribution to our community partner food programs. Food donations are needed from food manufacturers, distributors, retailers, wholesalers, and from local farmers. Volunteers are needed to help us meet the need for food processing, volunteer engagement in office duties and at events. We encourage corporations and schools to volunteer at many levels, including basic tasks and skills based volunteering.

Service Categories

Primary Organization Category
Food, Agriculture & Nutrition / Food Banks, Food Pantries

Secondary Organization Category
Human Services / Emergency Assistance (Food, Clothing, Cash)

Areas Served

Other
Ansonia
Bethany
Branford
Cheshire
Derby
East Haven
Guilford
Hamden
Lower Naugatuck Valley
Madison
Milford
New Haven
North Branford
North Haven
Orange
Oxford
Seymour
Shelton
Shoreline
Wallingford
West Haven
Woodbridge
Feeding the Hungry

Description

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Budget

$0.00

Category

Food, Agriculture & Nutrition, General/Other / Food Distribution

Population Served

Poor, Economically Disadvantaged, Indigent / At-Risk Populations / General/Unspecified

Program is linked to organization’s mission and strategy

Yes

Program Success Monitored By

Connecticut Food Bank evaluates overall progress through the amount of nutritious food made available to low-income households in underserved communities by tracking pounds of food and fresh produce distributed, and the nutritional ranking of food items distributed through all programs. Connecticut Food Bank also evaluates success in reducing food-insecurity by tracking the number of seniors, children and families and individual households served by our programs, and the number and frequency of direct service food distribution to sites in our service area. Program evaluation also considers feedback from partner agencies and clients who received food and services from Connecticut Food Bank and its partners.
Hunger Awareness

Description
Connecticut Food Bank promotes Hunger Awareness by working with regional and national anti-hunger advocates and with local food policy councils in an ongoing effort to raise awareness about hunger in Connecticut. We work to build partnerships with legislators, donors, member agencies, and communities through events and educational opportunities, including: Hunger Action Awareness Month, live and virtual food drives, and our Hunger 101 program. Hunger 101 gives people a taste of what food insecurity—or hunger—really is. Participants walk in someone else’s shoes and see firsthand what it’s like to struggle with poverty and food insecurity in Connecticut. Hunger 101 captures the daily stress of hunger as participants learn how to feed a family for a day with no or limited resources.

Budget
$0.00

Category
Food, Agriculture & Nutrition, General/Other / Hunger Action

Population Served
General/Unspecified / /

Program is linked to organization’s mission and strategy
Yes

Short Term Success
Connecticut Food Bank is working to build relationships with community partners and legislators through our Community Engagement Department and with the addition of the newly created position of Senior Director of Network and Distribution. Connecticut Food Bank will hold an open house at our new 84,000 sq.ft. facility in February. State legislators from the counties we serve and municipal CEO’s will be invited to attend, providing our leadership team and staff the opportunity to tour our facility and show new ways for us to work with community partners. Our Marketing and Communications Director is preparing a metrics dashboard that will be used to keep legislators updated on Connecticut Food Bank’s work to alleviate hunger in their communities. Connecticut Food Bank has also applied to have the Marketing and Communications Director attend advocacy training at Feeding America’s Advocacy Academy to give us the tools needed to build strategic advocacy in state and federal legislation.

Long Term Success
In the summer of 2015, Connecticut Food Bank welcomed a new Marketing and Communications Director and Chief Development Office. Thanks to these new development staff members, the organization is building a strategic plan for anti-hunger advocacy at the state and national level, including: building relationships with state legislators; supporting current anti-hunger initiatives at the legislative level; working in partnership with End Hunger CT! to track with some their advocacy initiatives; as well as participating in Feeding America advocacy opportunities at the national level.
Mobile Pantry

Description
The Mobile Pantry Program removes transportation barriers that make it difficult for food-insecure households to obtain fresh food and the nutrition they need. The Mobile Pantry truck brings fresh produce and healthy perishable groceries directly to low-income neighborhoods and areas with poor supermarket access and limited vehicle availability. The goal of the Mobile Pantry is to increase the amount of nutritious food – such as fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy items, and whole grains – made available to underserved communities that may otherwise have limited access to fresh, healthy food. Monthly Mobile Pantry distributions provide hungry households with a consistent supply of nutritious food items at no cost. As a result, food-insecure household members experience less hunger, improved nutrition and improved health outcomes.

Budget
$0.00

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Leadership & Staff

CEO/Executive Director
Beth Stokes
Term Start
Feb 2020
Email
bstokes@ctfoodbank.org

Staff
Number of Full Time Staff 61
Number of Part Time Staff 4
Number of Volunteers 5500
Number of Volunteers 0
Staff Retention Rate 77%

Staff Demographics - Ethnicity
African American/Black 18
Asian American/Pacific Islander 2
Caucasian 36
Hispanic/Latino 9
Native American/American Indian 0
Other 0 0

Staff Demographics - Gender
Male 40
Female 25
Unspecified 0

Plans & Policies
Organization has a Fundraising Plan? Under Development
Organization has a Strategic Plan? Yes
Years Strategic Plan Considers 3
Date Strategic Plan Adopted Nov 2016
Management Succession Plan? Under Development
Organization Policy and Procedures Yes
Nondiscrimination Policy Yes
Whistleblower Policy Yes
Document Destruction Policy

Yes

Former CEOs and Terms

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<td>Valarie Shultz Wilson</td>
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Senior Staff

- **Beth Stokes**  
  Title: Chief Financial Officer

- **Daniel Gomez**  
  Title: Chief Operating Officer

Formal Evaluations

- **CEO Formal Evaluation**: Yes
- **CEO/Executive Formal Evaluation Frequency**: Annually
- **Senior Management Formal Evaluation**: Yes
- **Senior Management Formal Evaluation Frequency**: Annually
- **Non Management Formal Evaluation**: Yes
- **Non Management Formal Evaluation Frequency**: Annually
Board & Governance

Board Chair

Wesley Higgins

Company Affiliation
DiMaio Ahmad Capital (Retired)

Term
Dec 2017 to Nov 2021

Board of Directors

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<td>Alfred D. Watts</td>
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Board Demographics - Ethnicity

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Board Demographics - Gender

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Governance

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<td>Board Term Limits</td>
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<td>90%</td>
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<td>Percentage Making Monetary Contributions</td>
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<td>Constituency Includes Client Representation</td>
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**Board Co-Chair**

**Wesley Higgins**

**Company Affiliation**

DiMaio Ahmad Capital

**Term**

Nov 2015 to Oct 2017

**Email**

wwhigmo@aol.com

**Standing Committees**

- Executive
- Board Governance
- Finance
- Personnel
- Marketing
- Program / Program Planning
- Development / Fund Development / Fund Raising / Grant Writing / Major Gifts
Financials

Fiscal Year Start
July 01 2019

Fiscal Year End
June 30 2020

Projected Revenue
$10,207,757.00

Projected Expenses
$10,567,358.00

Detailed Financials

Prior Three Years Total Revenue and Expense Totals Chart

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<td>Total Expenses</td>
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Prior Three Years Assets and Liabilities Chart

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<td>Total Net Assets</td>
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Prior Three Years Top Three Funding Sources

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Solvency

Short Term Solvency

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<td>Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities</td>
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Long Term Solvency

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<td>Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets</td>
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Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?
No

Capital Campaign Anticipated in Next 5 Years?
No
Comments

Foundation Staff Comments
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