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**C&S WHOLESALE GROCERS ANNOUNCES
NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

Keene, NH – September 29, 2009 – C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. continues its efforts to alleviate hunger in many of the communities where it has employees and facilities during the month of September, Hunger Action Month. The initiatives are a combination of grants to **Feeding America** member food banks, employee engagement activities and sponsorship of an upcoming national conference for hunger activists.

“C&S and our employees are listening to the call to action, and we’re responding, on behalf of neighbors in need during Hunger Action Month,” said Gina Goff, Director of Corporate Giving. “We’re helping to meet immediate needs and supporting initiatives that we believe will have a long-term impact. The issue of hunger in the U.S., particularly childhood hunger, is one that resonates with us and aligns with our business. Hunger Action Month offers us the opportunity to make a meaningful difference.”

Grant partners

- **New Hampshire Food Bank, Manchester, N.H.**
Contribution to purchase large-capacity energy-efficient freezers for 12 food pantries and assistance groups in southwestern N.H. Combined, the pantries and other groups help more than 4,000 people throughout each year. The C&S corporate headquarters is in Keene, N.H.
- **Central PA Food Bank, Harrisburg, Pa.**
C&S contributed money to help run the food bank’s grocery store pick up program. An anticipated 900,000 pounds of edible safe food (especially meat, poultry, fish, deli, dairy and produce) will be picked up from area supermarkets. C&S operates a distribution center in Harrisburg, Pa
- **Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Hillside, N.J.**
Support was provided to expand the reach of the local Kids Cafés and Backpack program from 2,000 children to 4,000 children during the 2009-10 school year. The after-school cafés provide snacks, a hot meal and informal instruction in healthy cooking. The Backpack program gives a back pack full of food to participating children on Friday afternoon to guard against malnourishment over the weekend. C&S operates several distribution centers in metropolitan N.J.
- **Fresno Community Food Bank, Fresno, Calif.**
Support for the innovative *Nutrition on Wheels* program. NOW visits health fairs, schools, senior centers, and community centers to teach people about healthy eating. In year one, the program will reach 7,000 people. C&S operates a distribution center in Fresno, Calif.
- **Food Bank of Western New York, Buffalo, N.Y.**
Grant to purchase of a new electric forklift. This will replace an old machine and will improve operational efficiencies. Almost 100,000 people annually receive food assistance through the Food Bank’s agencies. C&S has distribution centers in nearby Lancaster and Cheektowaga, N.Y.
- **Vermont Foodbank, Barre, Vt.**
C&S provided funds for a refrigerator/freezer unit for the Food Bank’s new branch location in southern Vermont. The branch will supply food shelves, meal sites, senior centers and after-school programs in three counties and anticipates reaching 14,000 people. C&S operates a distribution center in Brattleboro, Vt.
- **Lehigh Valley Food Bank, Allentown, Pa.**
A donation was made to underwrite the Backpack program and reach 30 local children each week during the '09-'10 and '10-'11 school years. Also, funding will support efforts to reach area families, enabling children to enroll in school breakfast and summer meals programs. C&S operates a distribution center in Bethlehem, Pa.

- Weinberg Northeast Region PA Food Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Support was provided to assist 43 food assistance agencies plus 12 shelters on the front lines of meeting immediate hunger needs of 35,000 local residents. The grant will help purchase large refrigerators and freezers and will underwrite transportation costs. C&S operates a distribution center in Dunmore, Pa.
- Delaware Food Bank, Newark, Del.
A contribution was made to the *Fields of Hope* program to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to 1,000 low-income people each month in Maryland's Cecil and Kent counties. C&S operates a distribution center across the state line in nearby North East, Md.
- Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin, Manteca, Calif.
A staggering 1 in 4 children in the San Joaquin Valley live in families that are currently at or below the poverty level. C&S is contributing to the Food Bank's *Food 4 Thought* program in Stockton Calif. It will reach 1,300 school children at 19 locations with healthy food and after-school tutoring/mentoring. C&S operates a distribution center in nearby Stockton, Calif.
- Harvest Hope Food Bank, Columbia, S.C.
Support to purchase a new forklift and pallet jacks needed for the food bank's new Greater Greenville location. The Food Bank has experienced a 142% increase in demand in recent months and the equipment will facilitate increased efficiencies at its upstate branch. C&S operates a distribution center in nearby Mauldin, S.C.

Employee engagement

Believing that there is something that everyone can do to help end hunger, C&S employees participated in the company's annual Food Drive for Hungry Kids. Peanut butter, soup, chili and other child-friendly food items were collected from employees and donated to the closest food bank. C&S will match each pound of food collected with a \$1 contribution to Feeding America to support national expansion of the Backpack Program.

Conference of Leaders

In addition, a donation was made to Share Our Strength in Washington D.C., in sponsorship of their 25th anniversary *Conference of Leaders*. With a specific focus on the issue of childhood hunger, the three-day conference unites and trains hunger activists from across the nation.

About C&S

C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. is a privately owned company with annual sales of \$19 billion. The company is the 12th largest privately held company in the nation, as ranked by Forbes magazine. Founded in 1918, C&S provides distribution services to grocery chains and independent stores, delivering to approximately 4,600 locations from its distribution centers in Alabama, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Vermont. C&S community involvement programs support initiatives to stop hunger and to promote the health and enrichment of communities that are homes to the company's employees and facilities. To learn more: <http://community.cswg.com>.

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