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## **WESTFIELD BANK ANNOUNCES MULTI-YEAR CONTRIBUTION TO CONNECTICUT FOODSHARE**

**Westfield, MA**— Westfield Bank is pleased to announce a multi-year donation to the Connecticut Foodshare organization. Connecticut Foodshare's mission is to deliver a more informed and equitable response to hunger by mobilizing community partners, volunteers, and supporters throughout Connecticut. They services Bloomfield, Enfield, Granby and West Hartford, just to name a few, where about 11,000 people experience food insecurity. Westfield Bank's donation will go towards increasing accessibility and distribution frequency to their "pantry on wheels" program that helps deliver fresh, healthy, and nutritious food to underserved neighborhoods at no cost.

"We are proud to continue our support of this wonderful organization," said James Hagan, President & CEO. Over the past 40-plus years, Connecticut Foodshare has done incredible work dedicating resources to solve food insecurity across the region. Westfield Bank is proud to support this mission."

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### **About Westfield Bank**

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, fifty-four ATMs, and an additional thirty-one seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank's middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$40.4 million. As of June 30, 2023, the Bank employed 330 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$2.0 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.2 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank's deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the bank's website at [www.westfieldbank.com](http://www.westfieldbank.com).

### **About Connecticut Foodshare**

Connecticut Foodshare is the food bank serving all of Connecticut and a member of the national Feeding America network. Last year, Connecticut Foodshare distributed enough food to provide over 40 million meals through a network of more than 650 community-based hunger relief programs, including food pantries, meal programs and mobile food pantries, while also working on long-term solutions to food insecurity. More than 5,700 volunteers help power the work of Connecticut Foodshare. Last year, they gave more than 46,000 hours of service.

**Photo pictured :** Laurie Robillard, Institutional Giving Manager; Jamie Garcia, Senior VP, Commercial Loan Officer; Al Marino, Director of Corporate and Community Giving; Matt Cuddy, VP/Regional Manager

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