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The New Hampshire Food Bank, as the only food bank in the state, works through a network of partner agencies, providing food and services to empower people to become more food self-reliant and secure.

## Save the Date

Events Benefiting NH Food Bank

**5/6/17**

### Bowls for Mom

9am-5pm - Woodcrafters, Inc.  
Newington, NH

**5/13, 5/14, 5/20, 5/21**

### NH Renaissance Faire

10am-5pm - 9 Thorne Road  
Kingston, NH

**6/21/17**

### Taste of the Nation

Strawberry Banke Museum  
Portsmouth, NH

**7/22/17**

### British Car Show

21st Annual Show of Dreams  
Alvirne Hills Field House  
Hudson, NH

**9/16/2017**

### Great Bay Corvette Club

4th Annual Driven to Make a  
Difference Charity Car Show  
9am-3pm - 72 Pease Blvd  
Newington, NH

# Food *for* thought

## Do Something About Nothing

*Our fifth annual Nothing Campaign kicks off on April 11*

*The statistics are sobering: 1 in 9 men, women and children living in NH are food insecure -- meaning they do not know where their next meal will come from. For so many, that means choosing between a hot meal or heat. Food on their plates or a roof over their heads. A trip to the grocery store or a trip to the doctor's office.*

Many think that nothing can be done. That hunger is an issue with no solution. However, the Food Bank believes that we can all do something to help eliminate those tough choices for our neighbors throughout the state, and keep food on their plates.

In partnership with Citizens Bank, we are excited to announce that, starting April 11, Nothing Cans will be available for purchase at Harvest Market, Hannaford, Market Basket, Shaw's, Sully's, and Vista Foods stores throughout the state. All proceeds support the NH Food Bank.

Each empty can, which represents the reality of hunger that hundreds of thousands of Granite Staters face each day, can be purchased for \$5.00. That \$5.00 will provide 10 meals. Fill up the can, and you will be providing approximately 60 meals to our neighbors in need.

Cans will be available for purchase through the end of May. For more information or to donate, visit: [nhfoodbank.org/nothing](http://nhfoodbank.org/nothing).



**Looking for the perfect gift for Mother's or Father's Day?** See inside for details about our Mother's and Father's Day cards!

# Grants

*We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous support through grants to the New Hampshire Food Bank:*

**Feeding America - Red Nose Day:** *Child hunger programs*

**Kendal C. and Anna Ham Foundation:** *Food purchase in the Conway region*

**Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins:** *Food purchase*

**Samuel P. Hunt Foundation:** *Warehouse equipment purchases*

**Wells Fargo Foundation:** *Culinary Job Training program*

**Speedway Children's Charity:** *Cooking Matters*

**New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation:** *Mobile Food Pantry in Colebrook & agency support*

**Citizen's Bank Foundation:** *2017 Nothing Campaign and truck lease*

**Adelard & Valeda Lea Roy Foundation:** *Cooking Matters, Coos County*

**Share Our Strength:** *Youth Summer Feeding Programs*

**Alexander Eastman Foundation:** *Food purchase in Derry*

**The Lane & Elizabeth C. Dwinell Foundation:** *Food purchase in the Upper Valley region*

**Cogswell Benevolent Trust:** *Food purchase*

**People's United Bank:** *Culinary Job Training program*

## Salmon, Duck & Cap'n Crunch – Oh My! Steel Chef Challenge 2017



It's been a blur! We can't believe our second annual Steel Chef Challenge has come and gone – but oh, what a night it was! We cannot thank Chef Robert Irvine, his team, our sponsors, staff, volunteers... and, of course, our guests, enough. You made this exciting event a reality for a the second year in a row.... and on a much larger scale!

Six hundred & sixty guests, and more than 50 volunteers, joined us on March 6, at the Armory Ballroom at the Radisson in Manchester, to enjoy a delicious meal and watch Chef Robert Irvine put our challengers to the test in a lightning-fast, 20 minute cook-off! Chefs Tony Bomba, of LAGO, a Common Man Family Restaurant; Evan Hennessey of Stages at One Washington; Bryan Leary of the Inn at Pleasant Lake; and Jason Seavey of Havenwood Heritage Heights had to tackle both salmon and duck – and the audience-chosen, wild-card... Cap'n Crunch!

Each chef put their own creative twist on the meal, impressing our judges– WMUR's Erin Fehlau, Chef Michael Buckley of MT Dining Group and Craig Pierce of Martignetti Companies of NH – with their skill and ingenuity. After thoughtful deliberation by the judges, last year's winner, Dave Crinieri of Tuscan Market, joined Chef Irvine on stage to announce the winner.... **Tony Bomba of LAGO took home the coveted Steel Chef Challenge trophy!**



The fun didn't stop there! Chef Irvine spontaneously called Paul McInnis, a guest who just happens to be a professional auctioneer, up on stage to help him auction off some pretty incredible items! Soon bids were flying fast and furious! Before we knew it, Red Sox and Bruins suite tickets; a framed, autographed Tom Brady jersey; a VIP NASCAR package; a signed Marcus Smart, Celtics jersey; Silver Oak Cellars wine collections; a bottle of Barrell Whiskey; a signed Beach Boys guitar; and a Spa & Stay Package, that included tickets to see Celtic Woman, were all sold to the highest bidders... all to help our neighbors in need here in NH. Chef Irvine even auctioned off his own chef jacket, along with his chef, Darryl Moile's, to the highest bidders.

With your generosity, Steel Chef Challenge raised more than XXX,XXX in cash and in-kind contributions, making a major impact on the lives of the 1 in 9 Granite Staters, including 1 in 5 children, who don't know where their next meal will come from.

Thank you, again, to all of our sponsors, chefs, committee members, staff and volunteers who brought this event to life again and helped make it another success! ***It truly takes a village and we can't thank you enough!***

# Make Mother's and Father's Day Special with a Donation in Honor of Your Mom and Dad

This year, show Mom and Dad how much you care by making a tribute donation in their honor for Mother's and Father's Day.

For a \$25 donation, we will send a personalized Mother's or Father's Day card the week before each holiday. If you prefer, we can send the card directly to you, to personalize and send to the moms and dads in your life.

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14.** Cards will be mailed on Monday, May 8, unless otherwise requested.

**Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.** Cards will be mailed on Monday, June 12, unless otherwise requested.

To order your Mother's and/or Father's Day cards, please contact Landis Donaghy at 603.669.9725, extension 244 or [ldonaghy@nhfoodbank.org](mailto:ldonaghy@nhfoodbank.org).



## Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation Donates \$15,000 to NH Food Bank



NH Food Bank is a proud recipient of a \$15,000 donation from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to address food insecurity in NH. The donation is part of a program – called Fill Your Tank – that celebrates the company's 60th anniversary by providing \$60 million to fight hunger around the globe. The Fill Your Tank program includes a hunger awareness campaign that features stories of what is possible when we're running on a "full tank" – that is, when we have enough to eat. Hunger is often invisible and the campaign helps make hunger in our communities more visible. More information can be found at [www.enterprise.com/FillYourTank](http://www.enterprise.com/FillYourTank) (U.S) or [www.enterprise.ca/FillYourTank](http://www.enterprise.ca/FillYourTank) (Canada).

In presenting the donation, Andrew Dolloph, Enterprise's Regional Vice President in New Hampshire said, "Enterprise Rent-A-Car is woven into the fabric of the NH community and food insecurity is an issue for our community. This donation to NH Food Bank will support those in our community who need a little help to reach their full potential."

## NH Seacoast Woodturners' Annual

# Bowls for mom

*Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift this Mother's Day?*



On Saturday, May 6, the NH Seacoast Woodturners will be at Woodcrafters, Inc., located at 25 Fox Run Road in Newington, NH, from 9am to 5pm, where artisans will be turning and selling bowls and fine crafts.



*All proceeds benefit the New Hampshire Food Bank.*

## Behind the Scenes

Be sure to keep up with the New Hampshire Food Bank on the following social media platforms:



Facebook



Twitter



Instagram



Pinterest



LinkedIn



Google +



Youtube

## Your comments

Thank you for your continued support. We would love to hear from you! Please email us at [nmellitt@nhfoodbank.org](mailto:nmellitt@nhfoodbank.org) or write to:

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## The Peach Project: One Second Grader's Determination Raises \$2,000 for NH's Hungry During the Holidays



Just before Christmas, we had a visit from a very special second grader, Georgia Merrill, and her family! Georgia was inspired to help hungry people in NH after seeing a person with a sign that said "I'm Hungry" while driving with her grandmother. She named her fundraiser The Peach Project, and started an online donation page, held bake sales, and sold ornaments – all to benefit NH's hungry.

Georgia's hard work and ingenuity raised more than \$2,000! The money she raised provided 4,000 meals for our neighbors in need here in NH. While she was here, we gave Georgia and her family a tour of our warehouse so she could see the impact of her donation, feeding the 1 in 9 men, women and children in NH who are food insecure.

Georgia is determined to continue her fundraising efforts to help feed New Hampshire's hungry!

Georgia, thank you for caring so much about your neighbors in NH, and for your hard work and generosity! You are an inspiration!