
Holiday Distribution

Each year WHEAT gives out approximately 400 Thanksgiving baskets to our families. **A \$20 donation will provide a basket for one family.**

We get plenty of donations at this time of year, but we still have to buy items we come up short on. This year we need stuffing, gravy, canned or instant potatoes and canned fruit.

Please make a donation this holiday season (\$ or food). Food donations should be delivered to us no later than November 15th. Give us a call at 203-931-9877 or email us at wheatcharity@sbcglobal.net If you have questions.



Thank You

All of us at WHEAT would like to extend our deepest thanks for all you do to keep our emergency food pantry running! Thanks to your generosity we've been open for 41 years and with your help we'll be here for many more. Happy Holidays!



W.H.E.A.T.

(West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce)

Our mission is to provide emergency food and services to West Haven residents in crisis.

- ~ W.H.E.A.T. is a private, non-profit, 501c3 charity that exists on donations of food and funds from individuals, faith communities, educational, civic, and business organizations, as well as grants from public and private foundations.
- ~ Our food pantry has been providing emergency food and referral services for 40 years to West Haven residents in need. Currently we are helping 5,000 households, including 1000 children, who do not have enough to eat.
- ~ W.H.E.A.T. accomplishes its mission with a staff of volunteers, one full time and one part time employee

To Donate:

Please send your donation using the enclosed envelope, or go to Givegreater.org and type in WHEAT, to donate online. Thank you for your generosity.

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Rotary Auction Benefits WHEAT

The 28th annual auction of the Rotary Club of West Haven was held on April 23rd. \$4,500 was donated to WHEAT. We are honored to be recognized by the Rotary Club for the work we do in our community helping feed our neighbors in need. We thank them for their generosity and dedication to help end hunger in West Haven.



Members of the West Haven Rotary Club present the Silent Auction donation to Executive Director Rose Majestic

Welcome New Volunteers

In October, 20 people attended our volunteer open house. Kathy Izzo, Helana Hoover-Litty and Rose Majestic gave tours, explained the criteria for volunteering, and demonstrated how each department (pantry, reception and client processing) works. We are currently training and adding new volunteers to our staff. The volunteer open house was such a success, we're planning on holding one every year to give more people in West Haven a chance to work with WHEAT. We are so happy to have new volunteers on board!

New Partnerships

We put out a plea in August for help with our "Sponsor A Shelf" program. Each week we need about 100 items on every pantry shelf to provide food to West Haven residents in need. In addition to our wonderful individual donors, we received help from several businesses.

Watson, Inc. of West Haven responded immediately with a \$2,000 donation and 100 boxes of cereal. Moira Watson issued a challenge to local businesses to join with them and help WHEAT. **Yale University, MacDermid Enthone** and **Harte Auto Group** have responded with donations of money and food for this program. Watson's hope is that more companies will partner with us to address our needs. Many thanks to Watson for jumping on board and getting this movement going!



Watson employees drop off food.

We had a very productive meeting with his staff about the need for Congress to pass legislation to reduce poverty by raising the minimum wage, increasing food stamp allotments, and supporting the farm bill to provide additional donations to food banks. All of these things affect WHEAT and the work we do.

Community Gardening

Thanks to local gardeners and the CT Food Bank, we've been able to distribute fresh produce and dairy products to all of our clients. Thanks to Watson, Inc., The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, West Haven Community Gardens as well as home gardeners who donated.



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It's always a special contribution when we receive one "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. People are also kind enough to make a gift to us in their will or estate. These are wonderful ways to continue to help our neighbors in need. One example of this is the 50 plus contributions we've received in memory of Mrs. Rosalie Swift, who volunteered for several years at WHEAT and who recently passed away. These donations continue Rosalie's good works of feeding West Haven residents.