Bank of America teamed with the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County to provide volunteers and funding to local food programs for Thanksgiving. Bank of America awarded $8,100 in grants to local organizations that serve families in a dozen Fairfield County communities. In addition, food collections were held at banking centers throughout the area. Employees also volunteered to sort and deliver food to food pantries.

Local organizations receiving grants include the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County Thomas Merton House of Hospitality, Christian Community Action, the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Hunger Outreach Network, Home with Hope, Operation Hope and the Sterling House Food Pantry.

“We are so pleased to be partnering with Bank of America on this Thanksgiving food project,” said Merle Berke-Schlessel, president and CEO of the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County. “We are grateful to be able to provide the basic need providers in our area some additional help this year.”

“A growing number of individuals and families throughout Fairfield County are facing significant challenges this holiday season,” said Bill Tommins, Southern Connecticut market president for Bank of America. “By partnering with United Way and area food banks, we can help to address the growing demand for basic needs.”

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