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Gemma E. Moran
United Way/Labor Food Center

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COMMUNITY SERVICES



An AFL-CIO Community Services and United Way Partnership

NEED: In New London County, more than 11% of the population is food insecure, meaning they don't know when or where they will access their next meal. More than 16% of children are food insecure.

VISION STATEMENT: We will strengthen our community by offering food and guidance to every man, woman, and child in their times of need.

IMPACT: The Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center has played a key role in helping families facing hunger since 1988. Last year, the Food Center provided the equivalent of more than two million meals and snacks, **at no cost to those in need**. Each month, more than 17,000 adults, children, and seniors were served. The Food Center supplies food and household items to:

- Pantries
- Community meal sites
- Day care centers
- Shelters for individuals who are homeless
- After-school programs
- Emergency shelters for victims of domestic violence
- Programs for seniors
- And many, many more!

The Food Center also operates Pop-up Pantries around New London County in urban and rural areas where access to food is limited.



In 2014, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center donated land to United Way at its Coogan Farm property to establish a Giving Garden. The vegetables grown are harvested specifically for donation to the Food Center and rapidly distributed to the community.

Many individuals and organizations in Southeastern Connecticut support the work of the Food Center and do so in many ways. You are invited to become a supporter! Here's how:

- Run a healthy food drive or donate a nutritious non-perishable food item to the Food Center. Every 1.2 pounds of food is the equivalent of one meal for someone facing hunger.
- Volunteer at the Food Center, Pop-up Pantry, or the Giving Garden. Volunteers are an essential component to our operational success.
- Make a donation. Every dollar donated provides the equivalent of three meals! Visit uwsect.org/give.

Your continued support of United Way of Southeastern Connecticut assures the success of the Food Center. Thank you!

If you are aware of people in need of food or would like more information, please contact the Food Center at 860.444.8050 or www.uwsect.org/foodcenter.

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United Way of Southeastern Connecticut is advancing the common good in New London County by creating opportunities for a better life for all, focusing on helping children to thrive, providing basic human needs, and promoting community wellness and independent lives for all. United Way engages people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise, and resources needed to get things done.

OUR MISSION: To inspire and coordinate the generosity and commitment that sustains a united, thriving community.

OUR VISION: United Way envisions a community united in its efforts to ensure that individuals and families achieve their full potential.

WHAT WE DO: United Way of Southeastern Connecticut is a locally-based non-profit organization. Chances are many of your friends and neighbors have received assistance or support services from a United Way funded partner program.



Your donation to United Way of Southeastern Connecticut is invested in priority areas that create real, lasting change in New London County and are the building blocks for a good quality of life.

After the funds are raised each year, community volunteers go to work determining where to invest your donation. These volunteers are recruited throughout the community, representing people from all walks of life that live and work in New London County. Anyone from the community is invited to volunteer and get involved with our fund distribution. To volunteer, go to uwsect.org/volunteer or call 860.464.7281.

In addition to supporting local partner programs with funding and volunteer manpower, United Way operates and administers Day of Caring volunteer programs, the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, and Project Warm-Up to provide one-time emergency winter heating assistance.

United Way also works within the community to bring together people and organizations for the betterment of Southeastern Connecticut. United Way administers the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, FamilyWise RX Discount Cards, and the New London County Fund to End Homelessness.

Everyone is invited to be part of the change by donating and volunteering. That's what it means to Live United!