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**FOOD DRIVE PLANNED TO MEET LOCAL NEED FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**  
***Clinton Savings Bank Partners with CARE Food Pantry and WHEAT Community Services***

(CLINTON, Mass., October 29, 2009) -- Clinton Savings Bank is teaming up with two local charities to meet the growing need for food this holiday season. In conjunction with WHEAT Community Service and the CARE Food Pantry, Clinton Savings Bank will host a food drive from November 2 – 21. Drop bins will be available at all Clinton Savings Bank locations where people can donate non-perishable food items. The Bank has also opened a special account, named the Clinton Savings' Food Bank Fund, for anyone who would prefer to make a cash donation to support this worthwhile cause.

An estimated 300 families are expected to be in need of Thanksgiving meals this year, which is almost double the need from the last few years.

"We are very concerned that there are families in our community who may be going without, and programs such as this one may make or break their holiday season," said Robert J. Paulhus, Jr., President and CEO of Clinton Savings Bank. "We really appreciate the effort that organizations such as WHEAT and CARE put into their work and we are more than happy to join forces with them. I encourage anyone who can to make a donation – no matter the size – to this effort."

To support this initiative, simply bring a non-perishable food item to any of Clinton Savings Bank's locations in Berlin, Bolton, Boylston, Clinton, Sterling or West Boylston. Donation bins will be located in the lobby of each building and will be available during banking hours. All

non-perishable items are appreciated, but the CARE Food Pantry notes that items such as dried beans, rice, canned food (fruit, vegetables, tuna, chili, etc.), cereals, dried fruits, and shelf-stable milk are all critically needed.

Anyone who plans to donate food items is asked to check the expiration dates, since expired products cannot be distributed.

Cash donations of any amount will be accepted for the Clinton Savings' Food Bank Fund account and can be made at any Clinton Savings Bank branch.

### **About WHEAT Community Services**

Since 1982, WHEAT Community Services has provided goods and services to low-to-moderate income residents in Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Lancaster and Sterling. Services include a food pantry, thrift store, transportation, housing/heating assistance, job/skill development and information about other service providers. For more information or to support WHEAT, please call 978-365-6349.

### **About the CARE Food Pantry**

Located at 1 Cross Street in Clinton, the CARE Food Pantry is an outreach mission of Our Lady of Jasna Gora and Our Lady of the Rosary parishes. The Pantry is operated by a team of volunteers who are dedicated to helping community members in need by collecting food and stocking shelves, as well as shopping, distributing and delivering food. Those in need of emergency assistance can call 978-365-2724 or 978-365-3621.

### **About Clinton Savings Bank**

Established in 1851, Clinton Savings Bank is among the oldest mutual community banks in Massachusetts. With more than \$478 million in assets and a broad range of financial products for consumers and businesses, Clinton Savings Bank has built a solid reputation in the communities which it serves from six full-service branches in Berlin, Bolton, Boylston, Clinton, Sterling and West Boylston. For more information, please visit [clintonsavings.com](http://clintonsavings.com).

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