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Food Bank for Westchester Gets \$65K from Wachovia



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The Food Bank for Westchester has received two grants totaling \$65,000 from Wachovia, a Wells Fargo company.



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The first grant of \$25,000 will be used for emergency food distribution to purchase and deliver food to the 200-plus frontline hunger relief programs that are members of the Food Bank for Westchester network. These include food pantries, soup kitchens, day care and senior centers, shelters and residential programs.

The second grant of \$40,000 is for the Adopt-a-Pantry program, a pool of money from which Food Bank member programs can draw to purchase food via lines of credit. Each year, the Food Bank for Westchester places a minimum of \$20,000 into the Adopt-a-Pantry fund then solicits funds from the donor community to expand the pool. Donors can give money to the general pool or designate a specific pantry or pantries to benefit from a donation. Wells Fargo has named 20 Westchester food pantries to benefit from its grant.

“We are grateful to Wells Fargo for their generous support that will help us acquire and distribute food to feed the nearly 200,000 children, seniors and their families in Westchester who are hungry,” said Food Bank for Westchester Executive Director Christina Rohatynskij. “Our member pantries that have been named to benefit from the Adopt-a-Pantry grant are also very thankful for the generosity of Wells Fargo.”

“The services provided by the Food Bank for Westchester are critical to many individuals and families,” said Joe Kirk, Wells Fargo’s New York regional president. “The Food Bank is helping build stronger communities by assisting those who are going through tough times.”

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