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Food Bank for Westchester Receives \$10,000 Donation Check from Sam's Club

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Food Bank for Westchester

The Food Bank for Westchester, which has been fighting hunger for more than 20 years, received a donation of \$10,000 from Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart, Inc., this week. Jennifer Logan, of Middletown, New York, came to the Food Bank's Millwood location to present the check from Sam's Club. The donation will be used immediately by the Food Bank to fight hunger in Westchester.

The check presentation was part of a planned visit to the Food Bank for Westchester by Sandra Lee, Food Network television host, magazine editor and author, who is touring food banks throughout New York State as part of her campaign to raise awareness of hunger. Ms. Lee visited the Food Bank in Millwood January 31 to meet with staff, board members and representatives from Food Bank member programs and to learn about local hunger issues.



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Food Bank for Westchester (FBW) received a \$10,000 donation this week from Sam's Club. Pictured (left to right): President of the Board of Directors for FBW, Spencer Barback; Jennifer Logan of Sam's Club; and FBW's Executive Director, Christina Rohatynskij

According to Food Bank for Westchester Executive Director Christina Rohatynskij: "The Food Bank estimates that 200,000 people in the county are hungry or at risk of hunger. Nearly half of them are seniors; approximately one-third are children under the age of 18. Last year we distributed six million pounds of food, which was one million pounds more than the year before. We also had a 30% increase in household food requests by June 2010, and that increase has held steady every month since. At this rate, by the end of this year, we will have distributed seven million pounds of food.



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And even that is not enough. If we had more warehouse space, we would be distributing even more.”

After meeting with Food Bank staff, board and program members, Ms. Lee held a news conference in the Food Bank warehouse. She spoke about the problem of hunger in Westchester and her own passion for addressing the need. After answering questions and posing for photographs, she stepped aside for the check presentation from Sam’s Club to the Food Bank for Westchester. The check was accepted by Rohatynskyj and Food Bank Board President Spencer Barback.

The Food Bank for Westchester is located at 358 Saw Mill River Road, Millwood, NY 10546.

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