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ARAMARK Charitable Fund Responds to Increasing Need for Food Assistance with Gift to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – In response to the disastrous floods that left thousands of Rhode Islanders without homes, and out of work, the ARAMARK Charitable Fund made a significant gift to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank to help the organization acquire additional food.

The donation is the result of local ARAMARK employees nominating the Food Bank, and its work to feed families in need, to receive funds. In a state which was already dealing with a struggling economy, the financial and employment implications of the recent flooding has created a secondary wave of need.

“This is the most significant gift that we received in response to the flooding emergency,” commented Andrew Schiff, Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. “The Food Bank is working hard to ensure that individuals, and families, impacted by the floods have access to the nutritious food they need. At the same time, this additional wave of need is coming when food assistance requests are already at a high-level,” finished Schiff.

Anticipating that the need for help is likely to increase before it declines, Mr. Schiff is quick to commend ARAMARK for stepping-up to make a difference during an extremely difficult time. “The response of ARAMARK, and its employees, to spring into action during a time of distress for so many of our neighbors is a great example of working together to make a difference.”

Currently, the Food Bank feeds more than 50,000 Rhode Islanders each month through a network of more than 300 member agency programs across the state. SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program, now helps one in ten Rhode Island households purchase food with a 40 percent increase in recipients over the past year. Additionally, nearly one out of every three served by the Food Bank is a child.

ARAMARK provides food services, facilities management, and uniform and career apparel to health care institutions, universities and school districts, stadiums and arenas, and businesses around the world.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization located in Providence, RI. The Food Bank solicits, stores and distributes food products donated by supermarkets, wholesalers, food processors, local farmers and community food drives. The food is then distributed to the Food Bank’s network of more than 300 member agency programs. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 9.5 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit www.rifoodbank.org.

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