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## **Seven Stars Marks 11<sup>th</sup> Year by Donating All Jan. 2 Proceeds to Food Bank**

*All three Seven Stars locations will donate 100% of day's sales to feed the hungry*

PROVIDENCE, RI – How do Jim and Lynn Williams plan to celebrate 11 years of making mouth-watering pastries, breads and cookies at their Seven Stars Bakeries? By helping those who don't have enough to eat. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 is Anniversary Day at Seven Stars, and for the seventh year running, all three locations will donate 100% of the day's proceeds to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Over the last six years, Seven Stars' Anniversary Day has raised \$47,000 to help feed Rhode Islanders in need.

Seven Stars Bakery is a locally owned and operated bakery cafe, with locations in Providence at 820 Hope Street and 320 Broadway, as well as a store in East Providence at 20 Newman Avenue in Rumford Center. They specialize in "handmade from scratch" breads and pastries, baked fresh daily.

"We pride ourselves on providing world-class baked goods, locally roasted coffee and exceptional customer service," says co-owner Lynn Williams. "On this special day, we express our thanks to our customers and our community by remembering that there are many Rhode Islanders who are struggling to put food on the table for their families. We are committed to supporting our community through fundraisers and donations. I encourage everyone to stop in and have a coffee and pastry in our cafe or simply grab a loaf of bread for dinner. Every penny we earn on January 2 will be donated to the Food Bank."

More than 60,000 Rhode Islanders now rely on the Rhode Island Community Food Bank's statewide network of 163 emergency food pantries to help meet their basic food needs. The need for food assistance in Rhode Island has risen 58% since the start of the recession four years ago. Nearly one out of three persons served by the Food Bank is a child under the age of 18.

"At times like this, we're especially grateful to businesses like Seven Stars who recognize the need to do something tangible and meaningful to help feed hungry Rhode Islanders," says Andrew Schiff, CEO of the

Rhode Island Community Food Bank. “Jim, Lynn and their wonderful staff have made a tradition out of celebrating their own success by helping others.”

For hours and more information about Seven Stars Bakeries, visit [www.sevenstarsbakery.com](http://www.sevenstarsbakery.com).

**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 statewide network of 248 member agency programs. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 9.4 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit [www.rifoodbank.org](http://www.rifoodbank.org).

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