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PRESS RELEASE **TOWN OF VERNON**

VERNON FIREHOUSE TO HOST GOVERNOR'S CONNECTICUT DAY OF CARING AND COMPASSION 2009 (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

In an effort to replenish much needed food supplies, the Town of Vernon will join area municipal firehouses across the state to host Governor Rell's **Connecticut Day of Caring and Compassion 2009** on November 7, 2009, a one-day centralized effort to fill the shelves of the Connecticut Food Bank and FoodShare prior to the onset of the holiday season.

Vernon's collection site, located at 724 Hartford Turnpike, adjacent to the Vernon Police Station is one of 15 fire stations chosen by the Governor. Firefighters will be on hand from 10am & 2pm to collect non-perishable food items such as pasta, canned goods, and other food staples. Cash and other non-food items will not be accepted. Vernon Mayor Jason L. McCoy is urging local civic groups, political associations, and religious organizations to take part by donating non-perishable food items and assisting residents in the State. FoodShare statistics indicate that the need for food assistance in the Hartford area has increased 30 percent over last year.

If residents are unable to make the November 7th collection date, the Town has established two additional locations for food donations prior to the cut-off date; Town Hall Lobby, 14 Park Place and Vernon Police Department, 725 Hartford Turnpike.

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