

# United Way St. Croix Valley Food Resource Center Fact Sheet

- The Food Resource Center opened in February 2008.
- An annual average of 160,000 pounds of food and other goods have been distributed to area pantries, shelters and other hunger prevention programs since the FRC opened.
- Approximately 90% of the distributed items have been food with the balance hygiene and paper products.
- United Way purchases \$2,000-\$2,500 of food each month through Emergency Food-shelf Network's bulk purchase program in addition to receiving free surplus items. Purchased food and the surplus can mean up to \$10,000 of products.
- Pantries and shelters can also purchase food through EFN's bulk purchasing for shipment to the FRC.
- 640,100 total pounds of food and goods have been distributed through August 2011.
- 640,100 pounds is equivalent to more than a half million meals for hungry families.

