



**Regional
Food Bank**
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

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Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night. That's why Lions and Leos are hard at work addressing this global need by providing help and hope to the children, families and neighbors who need it most. Lions and Leos distribute food to schoolchildren, stock food banks, create sustainable community gardens and lead community food drives to fight hunger where they live and work. We work to sustain life and dignity for the most vulnerable among us!

Lions District 20-W will once again support Lions Clubs International Lions-Anthem Volunteer Days events in our region with projects benefiting the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Each fall Anthem Volunteers, through a partnership with Lions Club International, have engaged Anthem volunteers alongside Lions to achieve over 12,000 hours of service in 75 projects across the country since 2015.

<http://www.anthemcorporateresponsibility.com/employee-volunteerism>

The Regional Food Bank is the only organization of its kind in northeastern New York. The Food Bank:

- Has been helping to feed the poor and hungry in our communities since 1982.
- Collects large donations of food from the food industry and distributes it to charitable agencies serving hungry and disadvantaged people in 23 counties.
- Provides over 35 million pounds of food a year to 1,000 agencies from Plattsburgh to Newburgh, in urban, rural, and suburban communities.
- In partnership with the Patroon Land Foundation, is developing a self-sustaining farm that grows large quantities of high quality vegetables every year. Currently, the Farm has grown over 1,000,000 pounds of diverse, fresh produce!

This year we have two projects scheduled that we would love our Lions members and friends to lend a helping hand at!

• **Patroon Land Farm; Saturday October 13, 2018; 9 AM – Noon**

132 Ketcham Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186

We will work on harvesting produce at the Farm. Closed-toe sturdy boots or shoes are recommended. In the event of rain, indoor work may be available depending on the Farm's needs.

• **Regional Food Bank; Saturday November 10, 2018; 9 AM – Noon**

965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110

We will work on the Warehouse Dock and Salvage Room.

<https://regionalfoodbank.net/mission-and-overview/>

To volunteer please contact Immediate Past District Governor Lion John McDonald at

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