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Hinman Straub Celebrates 80 Years by Volunteering

Albany Law Firm's Employees Donate Time and Talent Assisting Area Service Agencies

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York recently received support from a team of more than 20 volunteers from one of Albany's long-standing law firms – Hinman Straub P.C. (www.hinmanstraub.com) – as part of a special initiative that coincides with the firm's 80th anniversary.

This month's effort is one of a series of service projects Hinman Straub employees have committed to and stems from the firm's longtime commitment to the community.

"The heart of Hinman Straub is service – to its clients, and its community. As we celebrate our 80th year, we collectively renewed that commitment in a tangible way," said Terri Cowley, one of the projects' organizers, and a member of the government affairs leadership team. "It's a creative way to celebrate the firm's anniversary, support outstanding local organizations, and make a fulfilling community contribution. We're looking forward to the next opportunity to roll-up our sleeves!"

By day, many of the service project participants are known for their well-regarded client representation, courtroom achievement and effective advocacy at the Capitol. On a recent July evening, however, they sorted food, stocked shelves and helped out with various administrative tasks at the Food Bank's Latham-based facility.

In addition to the contribution to the Food Bank, future projects have been scheduled to benefit:

- American Cancer Society;
- Capital District Habitat for Humanity; and
- Equinox, Inc.

Jackie Murray, senior volunteer coordinator for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York (www.rfbny.com) said:

"In 2011, the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York distributed approximately 26 million pounds of food and other products to more than 1,100 agencies within our 23-county service area. While the Food Bank does have paid staff, we could not accomplish all the work that we do without a dedicated group of volunteers. Our volunteers range in age from little kids through more "seasoned" adults in their 70s and beyond. Last year, we had more than 8,200

individuals give generously of their time to help us in our mission, to help feed and provide products to those in need. That number equates to 22 full-time employees. As the need for our services increases, so too does our need for volunteers.”

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*The **Regional Food Bank** has been helping to feed hungry and disadvantaged people in the Capital Region since 1982. It is the only organization of its kind in northeastern New York. The Regional Food Bank collects large donations of food and other products from the food industry, various organizations, food drives, and distributes it to charitable agencies serving the needy in 23 counties. For more information please contact the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York at 518.786.3691 or visit them on the web at <http://www.rfbneny.com/>.*

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Pitching in at the Food Bank.

Hinman Straub P.C. is commemorating its 80th anniversary by contributing to local community service providers and volunteering at not-for-profits. The current roster of service projects involves contributions to the Food Bank of Northeastern New York, the American Cancer Society, Capital District Habitat for Humanity and Equinox, Inc.