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VALLEE ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES

Project Bread and the Walk for Hunger Help the Neediest in Franklin and Medway

Boston, Mass. – Local emergency food programs will benefit from generous grants just in time for the holiday season, announced Representative James E. Vallee (*D – Franklin*). Project Bread, the state’s leading anti-hunger organization, has awarded over \$4,000 to the Franklin Food Pantry, Inc. and the Medway Village Church for food, supplies and operating expenses.

The two grant recipients in Vallee’s district will be awarded the same amount of funding as last year, with The Franklin Food Pantry slated to receive \$3,600 and the Medway Village Church \$500.

As the Assistant Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, Vallee has continuously supported Project Bread’s mission by successfully advocating for significant state funding for the organization. The Fiscal Year 2008 state budget included an unprecedented \$1.5 million for Project Bread to administer a comprehensive, community-based program to alleviate and prevent hunger and to expand participation in federal nutrition programs.

“The Franklin Food Pantry and the Medway Village Church are to be commended for the generous work they do to fight hunger in our community,” said Vallee. “This funding comes at a time when families need it most, and I hope it will help ensure a healthy and happy holiday season for our neediest residents.”

These annual grants are funded directly by Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger, a fundraiser that had a record number of 43,000 participants and raised \$3.4 million this year.

Project Bread-funded agencies reported serving 42.1 million meals in 2006, the highest number of meals reported since Project Bread started counting.

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