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University of Connecticut and ShopRite Team Up to Fight Hunger

Fans are encouraged to donate canned food items at February 21 men's basketball game

East Hartford, CT (February 14, 2013) – The University of Connecticut and ShopRite have teamed up once again to help the hungry with a canned food drive before the UConn vs. Cincinnati men's basketball game this Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. Fans are asked to bring a canned food item to collection bins located at the North and South entrances to Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus.

Canned food donations will be accepted from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Fans who donate will be entered into a drawing to receive two club level tickets for UConn Football's opening game against Towson State University on Saturday, August 29 at Rentschler Field. The winner will be announced during the second half of Thursday's game.

ShopRite has a longstanding tradition of helping the hungry through its ShopRite Partners In Caring program. With nearly 50 million Americans, including more than 16 million children, suffering from food insecurity, ShopRite Partners In Caring, a year-round, community based hunger fighting charity, helps to raise awareness and inspire action within local communities. Since its inception in 1999, ShopRite Partners In Caring has donated \$29 million to local food banks that support more than 1,700 charities in Providing food assistance throughout the Northeast.

All donated food items from this Thursday's basketball game will be donated to Foodshare and distributed to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph's Church right in downtown Hartford. For tickets to the game call 1-877-AT-UConn, and to learn more about ShopRite and Foodshare, please visit www.shoprite.com and www.foodshare.com.

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About ShopRite Partners In Caring

ShopRite Partners In Caring is a year-round, community-based, hunger-fighting initiative that works with more than 50 food industry manufacturers to provide nearly \$3 million annually to qualified charitable agencies in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Since its inception in 1999, ShopRite Partners In Caring has donated \$29 million to more than 1,700 charities. ShopRite Partners In Caring supports emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, child care centers, battered women's shelters, senior citizen programs, drug rehab centers, programs for the mentally and physically disabled, after-school programs and other organizations that aid those in need. The ShopRite Partners In Caring Fund was established in 2002 as a component fund of the Community Foundation of New Jersey to accept private donations that help fund its charitable endeavors. For more information or to learn how you can help, please visit www.shopritepartnersincaring.org.