



# The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.

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## PRESS RELEASE: NEW EMPLOYEES FOR THE CHESHIRE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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**September 6, 2017, Cheshire, CT** - The Cheshire Community Food Pantry (CCFP) is excited to announce and welcome two staff members to the team. We have selected our Executive Director, **April Duquette**. Joining her is long-time volunteer **Judy Collins** to serve as our Pantry Manager.

April holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with a minor in Psychology from the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, CT. Upon graduating college April worked as a Psychiatric Technician on an Acute Care Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Waterbury. Following this experience she began working at an Association Management Company working with various nonprofits. In March 2016 April completed her Master of Science Degree in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy from Bay Path University. We know that her experience in the nonprofit sector will advance the level of service the Food Pantry can provide to better serve our Cheshire Community.

Judy served the pantry as a volunteer for six years. During the past six months, she stepped in and assisted in advancing the pantry with the addition of a dairy program. Her ability to coordinate all of the pantry operations as well as assisting in the transition of our new Executive Director has been outstanding. Judy holds thirty seven years of managerial experience in general merchandising at various large retail food outlets. The board of directors is thankful for Judy in her role of managing the pantry and are hopeful moving forward for continued growth.

We are excited to have April and Judy join the Cheshire Community Food Pantry as they look forward to working with the community and our dedicated volunteers to continue the mission of helping our neighbors in need!

**About CCFP:** The Cheshire Community Food Pantry (CCFP) provides food to Cheshire residents in need. In partnership with interdenominational organizations in Cheshire, the Pantry provides services which improve the quality of life of individuals and families. We are a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization and donations to it are tax-deductible. Donors receive an acknowledgement for their gift upon request. We have a brand new pantry spanning 6,000 square feet located at 175 Sandbank Rd, right off of Route 10 in Cheshire and are currently serving over 250 individuals.

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