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Ten Area Churches, Great American Grocery Store Make Watertown Urban Mission Easter Ham Drive a Success

Local grocery store, area churches enabled hundreds of families to share ham on Easter
WATERTOWN (May 23, 2012)—The generosity of ten local churches and Watertown’s Own Great American provided 400 free hams to needy families this Easter, the Watertown Urban Mission announced today.

“In this community, we see a great deal of need, but it’s matched by the generosity of individuals, businesses, organizations and churches which meets that need,” said Erika Flint, executive director. “This is a successful program because of that generosity, which in this case is 10 of our member churches and the Great American. The gift of several hundred hams ensured a bountiful Easter for so many who would have otherwise gone without.”

Families who came to the Watertown Urban Mission food pantry in the month of March received a coupon for a ham which they picked up at the Great American grocery store, 672 State Street, from April 1-7 in time for Easter.

“We are proud to be a part of this community, doing our part to help where there is need,” said Randy Lockwood, manager of Watertown’s Own Great American. “We are glad to play a role in partnering with the Mission to make the Easter holiday happier for so many families. It’s for the betterment of the community and that’s really all that matters.”

Ten churches collected donations to support the program—Asbury United Methodist Church, Faith Fellowship of Watertown, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Holy Family Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Stone Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

“Living our faith means reaching out to be the love of Christ in the lives of our neighbors in need,” said Fr. Steve Murray, pastor at Holy Family and Mission board member. “With this program and all of the programs at the Mission, we are able to serve with generosity God’s people to make his love known, especially at this holiest of holy days when we commemorate Christ’s gift of salvation.”

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