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**GOVERNOR PATRICK VISITS GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK TO
VOLUNTEER WITH STAFF**

BOSTON -- Wednesday, November 16, 2011 -- Governor Deval Patrick today joined his staff to volunteer at the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) in recognition of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Governor Patrick and his staff collected non-perishable items to be donated to those in need. They sorted through nearly 6,000 pounds of food, which will make up almost 4,000 meals.



(Photo: Matt Bennett/Governor's Office)

GBFB is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and among the largest food banks in the country. It acquires food through industry product donations, food drives and financial contributions to purchase additional high nutrient quality food. GBFB also benefits from the generosity of more than 16,000 volunteers annually who help to sort and distribute donated food products. Last year, the GBFB distributed almost 35 million pounds of food, enough to provide healthy meals to as many as 545,000 people at risk of hunger.

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