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Through the first annual *Jersey Hockey Fights Hunger* program, 11,797 pounds of food were collected for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. This year’s event included the Devils annual Food Drive on Thu., Nov. 20 at Prudential Center, as well as the *Coach4Food* program on Mon., Nov. 24, and Tue., Nov. 25 at AmeriHealth Pavilion. Donations from all events will be distributed throughout the state.

All fans attending the game Nov. 20 vs. Florida were asked to bring unopened cans or boxes of non-perishable food. Requested items included canned fish/meat, powdered milk and infant formula, boxed/canned meals, peanut butter, as well as canned vegetables/fruit. Wives/girlfriends of Devils’ players were on hand to assist CFB of NJ volunteers in the collection.

The Atlantic/Metropolitan Hockey League’s top rivals – the New Jersey Rockets and New Jersey Titans – teamed up to collect food for the *Coach4Food* program, joining Devils’ alumni Bruce Driver, Grant Marshall, and Rob Skrlac on the ice at AmeriHealth Pavilion.

The *Coach4Food* program is now in its fourth season, and was founded on-ice practice sessions in exchange for food donations. The CFB of NJ annually distributes more than 21 million pounds of food and groceries to help private, non-profit groups, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, child care centers, and senior programs. It serves more than 1,600 organizations in 18 counties throughout the state, gathering donations from more than 250 corporations with its small fleet of trucks. The CFB of NJ Hilside warehouse is fully equipped with 280,000 square feet of space, including 43,000 square feet of freezer and cooler space.

Last year, more than 21,000 volunteer visits resulted in 57,000 plus hours of work which benefited more than 500,000 hungry people in New Jersey. In addition, the *Kids Cafeteria* program provides free meals to 800 low-income children five evenings each week and the *Kids Closet and Tools4Schools* programs distribute new clothing and school supplies to thousands of children in need.

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**Upcoming Devils promotions**

**December**
- 10 vs. Pittsburgh
  *Toys for Tots (Donation)*
- 13 vs. Buffalo
  *Nathan’s $1 Hot Dog Night*

**January**
- 2 vs. Montreal
  *Ski Cap (All fans)*
- 4 vs. Ottawa
  *Coat Drive (Donation)*

**February**
- 13 vs. Boston
  *Valentine’s Day promotion*
- 15 vs. San Jose
  *Cap Day (All fans)*
- 28 vs. Florida
  *Nathan’s $1 Hot Dog Day*