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## Citizens Bank and Greater Boston Food Bank Truck

Citizens Bank and the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) recently announced the launch of a new food rescue truck that will expand the Food Bank's service network and deliver nutritious food to those in need. The truck, which bears the logos of both organizations and is funded through a \$100,000 grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation, will be on the road for one year.



*To celebrate the partnership, colleagues from Citizens and GBFB gathered at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Center to unload the truck during its first drop-off. Volunteers spent the morning sorting and packing grocery bags for 700 clients.*

"Citizens Bank is thrilled to partner with the Greater Boston Food Bank to support its critical mission," said Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Mass. "The co-branded truck is a tremendous example of collaboration and how together we can alleviate hunger in our communities."

The 26-foot refrigerated truck will expand the retail donation program to rescue high-demand foods such as beef, poultry and seafood. It will also enable GBFB to serve 30 member agencies that lack the capacity to pick up.



*Colleagues from the Legal department pose with the new truck after volunteering at GBFB's warehouse.*

## A few words from a CFG Community Service Sabbatical recipient



*From L to R: Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Mass. with sabbatical recipient Norma Schmidt, Cape Abilities board member Jeffrey Ehart; and Cape Abilities executive director Larry Thayer.*

To date, 96 colleagues have served on a CFG Community Service Sabbatical. Read how taking advantage of this unique opportunity allowed a recent sabbatical recipient to connect, to contribute and to change lives – including her own.

*"Working in the development office of Cape Abilities, a nonprofit on Cape Cod that supports people with disabilities, I was able to increase corporate sponsorship for the annual 5K event. We drew a record number of participants and grossed over \$56,000.*

*My overwhelming impression of Cape Abilities is that the organization wants to encourage the Cape Cod community to rethink what people with disabilities can do, which is to be vital and productive members of society. Cape Abilities doesn't wait for an opportunity to come to them; they go out and create it. My Sabbatical allowed me to see firsthand how important a strong connection to the community is to the organization."*

Norma Schmidt, Loan Specialist, Business Credit Services, Massachusetts, worked at Cape Abilities during her Community Service Sabbatical.

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