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## **Thru the Lens: Arpin Group donates 1,352 pounds of food to Rhode Island Community Food Bank**

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West Warwick, RI Arpin Group has collected and donated 1,352 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. At the beginning of September, Arpin's sustainability committee worked together to strategize how they could make an impact on the community while also promoting awareness for Hunger Action Month. They decided to partner with Move for Hunger, the 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works alongside a number of relocation companies in their efforts to collect food donations for delivery to local food banks. Their "Back to School" Food Drive collection was comprised of boxed foods, canned goods, and an assortment of beverages and miscellaneous items, filling 12 extra-large Arpin moving boxes to the brim.

Ben Steele, of the Arpin sustainability committee spoke of the rewarding experience, "The sustainability committee has been maintaining a garden and donating the produce for years, but we wanted to do a larger scale charitable event. I would've been impressed if we collected two or three boxes of food, so I was shocked when we ended up with 12 boxes."

Peter Arpin, executive VP of Arpin Group and president of Arpin Renewable Energy was very happy with the end result, "The sustainability committee and all Arpin employees who participated put in such an effort to make an impact on our community. It's events like these that I am reminded of what great people we have here at Arpin."

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank has been the major food bank in Rhode Island since their inception in 1982. They accept many forms of aid, from volunteer work, to food donations from both the public, and large food manufactures and growers. They successfully move more than 20,000 pounds of food out their doors per week. With their donation, Arpin Group is extremely proud to have been able to contribute to that number.