



# The Unit 112 Bridge Association

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## **Unit 112 Bridge Association Donates \$2,131 to Food Bank of Central NY**

Unit 112 duplicate bridge players turned out in large numbers on May 15-16 for the Rainbow Charity Sectional Tournament in Waterloo, NY. As a result the Unit 112 Bridge Association has donated \$2,131 to the Food Bank of Central New York.

The Food Bank of Central New York is a not-for-profit organization working to eliminate hunger through nutritious food distribution, education and cooperation with the community. It provides food, nutrition education and technical assistance to 476 different programs in eleven counties. Food Bank member programs include soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters, as well as non-emergency not-for-profit agencies. The food that it distributes in Central and Northern New York provides almost 7.8 million meals every year. The headquarters of the Food Bank of Central New York are at 6970 Schuyler Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057-9791. Executive Director Tom Slater gratefully acknowledged this needed donation by saying, “With the impact of the economic recession, 83% of our food pantries have reported an increase in requests for food assistance.” He went on to say, “This generous donation was a wonderful surprise to us here at the Food Bank. It will help us meet this increased demand for so many people in need.”

The Unit 112 Bridge Association represents members of the American Contract Bridge League in an area that stretches roughly east-west from Utica to Rochester and north-south from the Thousand Islands to the Pennsylvania-NY border. The decision to have this charity event to benefit the Food Bank of Central New York was made by the Unit 112 board of directors at its November 9, 2009 meeting.

Co-chairs of the planning committee were Mary Miller of Canandaigua, and Margie Spence of Fairport. Mary Miller said, “It was so energizing to organize an event that was so warmly embraced by so many bridge players. We were especially pleased that so many ‘beginning’ or ‘non-life master’ players wanted to be a part of duplicate bridge at a level above the club game.” Margie Spence added, “We feel that this event was very positive for the Bridge community at large. So many bridge players this past weekend commented that they weren’t playing well, but were having a great time. Giving—brings out the best in people.”

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