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Gowrie Corporate Challenge raises \$57,065 for SSKP

SHORELINE-----Gowrie, Barden & Brett, one of the largest independently owned insurance agencies in Connecticut, has successfully concluded its campaign to raise money for the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries. From November 1 to December 31st, Carter Gowrie put forth a dollar for dollar challenge to raise \$50,000. The campaign raised \$57,065 which will provide 228,000 meals to Shoreline families in need. “We were a little nervous at the start that we would not meet our goal this year because of all the disasters in 2005. Not only did we meet our goal, we exceeded it. Thank you to each donor for making a difference in our community. We are fortunate to live and work on the shoreline and we will continue to help those in need. Partnering with The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries is very important to our organization,” said Carter Gowrie, President of Gowrie, Barden & Brett.

“We’re incredibly thankful to see this level of corporate support in our service area. We know that building partnerships with those who choose to help end hunger and poverty is the only way to effectively address the need. Gowrie, Barden & Brett is our partner and their leadership in this challenge is an example for everyone.” said Patty Dowling, executive director of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries.

Founded in 1989, at the Baptist Church in Essex, Connecticut, The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries’ mission is to provide food and fellowship to those in need living in the communities of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Lyme, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook..

In 2005, 356,467 meals were distributed to individuals and families during The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries programs. This included 328,259 meals from our grocery distribution sites; 16,901 heat-n-eat meals; and 11,307 meals served at area soup kitchens.

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