

# Flushing Bank Joins Forces with Island Harvest Food Bank and Food Bank For New York City to Collect Non-Perishable Food Item Donations

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UNIONDALE, N.Y., Dec. 12, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Flushing Financial Corporation (the "Company") (Nasdaq:FFIC), the parent holding company for Flushing Bank (the "Bank"), announced today that the Bank has joined forces with Island Harvest Food Bank and Food Bank For New York City to collect non-perishable food item donations during December at all of its branch locations. As a small token of appreciation, everyone who donates will receive an eco-friendly, reusable tote bag from Flushing Bank. The announcement was made by John R. Buran, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Buran stated: "As a community bank, we feel it is important that we give back to the communities we serve. During the holiday season it is especially important to help those in need. Ensuring that individuals and families in our community have food on the table and in their pantries is an onerous task that is successfully managed all year long by Island Harvest Food Bank and Food Bank For New York City. We are proud to participate with these great organizations in support of their critical missions."

## About Flushing Financial Corporation

Flushing Financial Corporation (Nasdaq:FFIC) is the holding company for Flushing Bank®, a New York State-chartered commercial bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Bank serves consumers, businesses, professionals, corporate clients, and public entities by offering a full complement of deposit, loan, and cash management services through its 19 banking offices located in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Nassau County. As a leader in real estate lending, the Bank's experienced lending team creates mortgage solutions for real estate owners and property managers both within and outside the New York City metropolitan area. The Bank also operates an online banking division, [iGObanking.com](http://iGObanking.com)®, which offers competitively priced deposit products to consumers nationwide. Additional information on Flushing Bank and Flushing Financial Corporation may be obtained by visiting the Company's website at <http://www.flushingbank.com>.

## About Island Harvest Food Bank

Long Island's largest hunger relief organization, [Island Harvest Food Bank](http://www.islandharvest.org) provides food and non-food items for people who are hungry and in need, giving them a voice to help them transition from uncertainty to stability. Island Harvest's mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island through efficient food and product collection and distribution systems; enhanced hunger awareness and nutrition education programs, job training, targeted services for specific populations, and outreach and advocacy activities and initiatives. Island Harvest is the region's lead agency in emergency response readiness for food and product distribution and support and is a member of [Feeding America](http://www.feedingamerica.org), the nation's leading domestic hunger relief charity. For more information visit [www.islandharvest.org](http://www.islandharvest.org).

## **About Food Bank For New York City**

Food Bank For New York City has been the city's major hunger-relief organization working to end hunger throughout the five boroughs for more than 30 years. Nearly one in five New Yorkers relies on Food Bank for food and other resources. Food Bank takes a strategic, multifaceted approach that provides meals and builds capacity in the neediest communities, while raising awareness and engagement among all New Yorkers. Through its network of more than 1,000 charities and schools citywide, Food Bank provides food for approximately 62.5 million free meals per year for New Yorkers in need. Food Bank For New York City's income support services, including food stamps (also known as SNAP) and free tax assistance for the working poor, put more than \$150 million each year into the pockets of New Yorkers, helping them to afford food and achieve greater dignity and independence. Food Bank's nutrition education programs and services empower more than 45,000 children, teens and adults to sustain a healthy diet and active lifestyle on a low budget. Working toward long-term solutions to food poverty, Food Bank [develops policy and conducts research](#) to inform community and government efforts. To learn more about how you can help, please visit [foodbanknyc.org](http://foodbanknyc.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#) (FoodBankNYC), [Twitter](#) (@FoodBank4NYC) and [Instagram](#) (FoodBank4NYC).

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