



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

New England Food Banks Receive ACBL Charity Foundation NABC \$5000 Donation

At each NABC, the ACBL Charity Foundation contributes \$5000 to a qualified charity with the local tournament committee deciding the recipient. For this summer's Providence NABC, the gift was increased by the host district to \$6000 and split between six food banks. "There are six states in our district," explained Tournament Co-Chair Lois DeBlois. "We wanted to be able to donate \$1000 to each of them for their food banks."

In addition to Rhode Island, District 25 includes Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Connecticut.

There are several food banks throughout New England, including The Vermont Foodbank, which is the state's largest hunger-relief organization, providing nutritious food through a network of more than 300 community partners – food shelves, meal sites, senior centers, after-school programs, schools and hospitals. They are a member of Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks, along with the Connecticut Food Bank.

The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, serves as the only food bank in the state, working to provide nutritious food and resources to the hundreds of thousands of New Hampshire residents that are food insecure.

The Rhode Island Food Bank strives to improve the quality of life for all residents by advancing solutions to the problem of hunger.



District 17 Director and Charity Foundation Trustee Cindy Shoemaker and Tournament Co-Chairs Joe Brouillard and Lois DeBlois present a check to Kelly Seigh (far right), Director of Corporate & Community Relations of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.