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**BURLINGTON** – With food shelves statewide struggling to meet demand, Gov. Peter Shumlin today volunteered at the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf and encouraged fellow Vermonters to help those in need in whatever way they can this holiday season.

“The holidays are a time when many Vermonters face increased financial pressures and rely on food shelves to ensure they have enough to eat,” Gov. Shumlin said. “There are many organizations around Vermont like the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf that are doing great work to meet this increased demand. They need help this holiday season, and I encourage Vermonters to do what they can to lend a helping hand.”

According to Director Rob Meehan, the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf is down \$50,000 in fundraising compared to last year at this time and donations of food have been very low. This comes at a time when demand is increasing. The Food Shelf saw 804 visitors in one day this November, a record number.

“It’s a perfect storm of more people in need and less monetary and food donations,” said Meehan. “The Food Shelf has been feeding people for forty years and this year we really need your help.”

People who would like to donate to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf can go online to [www.feedingchittenden.org](http://www.feedingchittenden.org) or send donations to 228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401.

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