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WAKEFIELD CONCERT BAND ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

First Annual Summer Concert Series Food Drive Raises More Than One Ton of Food for Jonnycake Center, Peace Dale, RI

Wakefield, Rhode Island—August 10, 2010. The Wakefield Concert Band is pleased to announce that its free summer concert series at Marina Park, Wakefield, RI, raised more than 2500 pounds of food through cash and nonperishable food donations for the Jonnycake Center emergency food pantry. The band asked audience members to bring nonperishable food items to three Monday evening concerts in July and August.

“The need for our services continues to grow on a daily basis,” says Jonnycake Center Executive Director Susan Gustaitis. “Over the past several months, an average of 12 new households has come to us for help every week. I would like to thank the Wakefield Concert Band for holding this food drive for the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale,” she adds.

The Wakefield Concert Band is a member of the ‘1 of 52’ Hunger Network (www.1of52.net), a grassroots organization founded by Rhode Islander Steve Maciel. The network is dedicated to ending hunger in RI and throughout the United States.

During the past three years the Wakefield Concert Band has also raised nearly \$15,000 through annual concerts benefitting South County Hospital.

The Wakefield Concert Band, founded in the late 1890’s in South Kingstown, RI, is an all volunteer, community concert band that has been playing music throughout Rhode Island for more than a century. Band members, who come from all walks of life, share one singular goal, says Band Director Barry Lieberman: To encourage community cultural enrichment and musical enjoyment through public performance.

To arrange an interview or for further information, please call Barry Lieberman at (401) 294-7101. The Wakefield Concert Band web site is www.wakefieldconcertband.com.

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