



NO FEINSTEIN GRANT THIS YEAR...**Introducing the Marlborough Challenge!**

Ever since 2002, the Marlborough Food Bank has participated in the Feinstein Challenge which occurred during the months of March and April. For every food item and monetary donation, the food bank kept a tally. At the end of April, this information was submitted to Alan Feinstein of The Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island. In August of each year, he split one million dollars proportionately according to how many items and monetary donations agencies collected. During these two months, our community really stepped up to the plate. Donations came in through food drives at the school and churches, children collecting food in lieu of birthday gifts and community members donating either food or money. Last year, we collected 16,000 items!!

Unfortunately, this year Alan Feinstein has suspended his challenge so that he could concentrate on over 150,000 Feinstein Junior Scholars. We have “counted” on this challenge every year, not only for the check we receive from the Feinstein Foundation but from the donations we receive from our very generous community. As the summer months approach, there tends to be more families that rely on the food bank. We need to be ready! **Please consider supporting us as we introduce the Marlborough Challenge this spring. We will count all donations and keep the community posted on our results. Let’s work together to beat last year’s total! Join the fun and consider supporting our local families in need. Marlborough cares and shares. Thank you!**

Food Bank requests the following donations: cooking oil, pasta, large jars of peanut butter, mac & cheese, and dog and cat food.

Home Goods requests donations of gently used small appliances and lamps, as well as yarn and towels. Please note there is no longer a need for donations of winter hats, coats or sweaters.

The Food Bank is open on Tuesdays from 10 am to noon and from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, and the first Saturday of each month for donations only. Non-perishable donations can be made in other locations. Please see the website at www.foodbankofmarlborough.org for more details.