

We partnered with "Feeding Westchester" which supplies 95 percent of all food distributed annually across Westchester county's food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and day-care and residential programs. Through its membership with Feeding America and Feeding New York State, Feeding Westchester has access to millions of pounds of food products that national companies donate. Feeding Westchester also helps people learn to shop, cook and eat healthy on a limited budget and advocates for the preservation and improvement of the public "safety net" programs that provide life-saving food to struggling families. The scope of this project is to provide funds to purchase foods for needy families. We did that in a two-tier project, both in donating money and in sorting out other donations. On April 24, 2024, 15 Scarsdale Rotary Club members (approximately 50% of our Club) met at the main Distribution Center for Feeding Westchester in Elmsford NY where we sorted boxes of donated foods, enough that fit a minimum of 5 large pallets.

We sorted the foods by set criteria to ensure food safety (intact packaging, expiration or best buy date, etc). We then sorted the boxes by food type. These boxes were then placed in FW inventory shelves.