More than 100 volunteers from the Community Renewal Team, Feed the Children, PepsiCo, and Price Rite collaborated to distribute groceries and other essentials to 800 pre-selected families at the Comcast Theatre in Hartford on Aug. 1.

The families in need came from 28 Central Connecticut towns, including many from the Greater Hartford area. Volunteers directed traffic in orderly lines set up through the expansive parking lot, beginning at noon. They loaded families’ cars with pre-assembled grocery bags with fresh produce and boxes of non-perishable food and personal care items.

“Supporting families in a time of need is a critical part of CRT’s mission, and we’re proud to be able to help so many as a result of this partnership with PepsiCo, Feed the Children and Price Rite,” said CRT President and CEO Lena Rodriguez. “This could not have come at a better time since families are not buying back to school supplies and clothing in time for the upcoming school year.”

Low-income families with at least one child under the age of 18 were eligible to apply for one of the 800 available vouchers. The distribution is part of Feed the Children’s Americans Feeding Americans Caravan, which has helped more than 395,000 families across the country since it began in 2009. In 2018, one in three children living in Hartford (32.8 percent) is at risk of hunger. The number of impoverished children living in Connecticut (96,338) could be reduced by the economic downturn, including many who until recently considered themselves middle class. A lot of those people, for the first time in their lives, have not been able to provide for their families and this distribution will provide relief for them at a crucial time.

To see the impact of Feed the Children’s Americans Feeding Americans Caravan in your area, visit www.FeedingAmerica.org. To find out more about CRT and its programs, please visit www.crtct.org.

Since 1979, Feed the Children has consistently ranked as one of the largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Our mission is to provide hope and resources for those facing life’s essentials.

In FY 2018, Feed the Children distributed more than 374 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally. For more information, visit www.feedthechildren.org.

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What makes us distrust differences and separate “us” from “them”? How do we understand Deep-rooted Bias?
The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center will present “Confront Prejudice — Build Community” on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The program will present educational information about the harms caused by prejudice and discrimination, and how to build community and address the needs of people who have been marginalized.

“Confront Prejudice — Build Community” is part of The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center’s summer exhibit, THEM: Images of Separation, which runs through Aug. 26.

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“Through the exhibit and the workshop, we’re working to encourage tolerance and promote social justice.”

The evening’s schedule: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Registration, reception and viewing time for exhibit in the Katherine Day House;

5:30 to 7 p.m., Workshop in the Stowe Visitor Center;

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, a museum, program center and research library, is located at 77 Everett St. In Hartford, the Stowe Center is open year round for tours and programs.