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(Left to Right): Mike Ortoski, Sadia Cosme, Maria Resendes, Rose Capone, Al Resendes, Austin Zeeman, Dave Long, WM Dist. Manager Joe Statile and WM Sr. Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors

Wm Help Support 245 Turkey **Donation**

By Michael Ortoski / Volunteer an grant writer for Mission of Love Food Hub

BANGOR - Over the Thanksgiving Holiday, WM team members presented volunteers of the Slate Belt Mission of Love Food Hub with \$500 to support the purchase of turkeys. Mission of Love was able to purchase 245 turkeys with the donation for Thanksgiving. In total, the food bank served 284 families over the holiday.

WM is a good partner of Mission of Love Food Hub. They donate funds for food and send volunteers to help distribute food on food bank day.

They were the first to donate a large capacity freezer (8' X 42' outdoor) that we were in need of 5 years ago.

They helped us get to the next level along with Northampton County who gave me a grant for \$350.000 to build a 40' X 60 Building with a 12' X 12' cooler and 12' X12' Freezer and pallets racks for 100 pallets.

Bangor Holiday Artisan Market And Tree Lighting

By Michael Ortoski

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BANGOR - Celebrating the holiday spirit in downtown Bangor, the borough had a 'Holiday Artisan Market' for the afternoon consisting of unique Artisans to shop with, food trucks and live music.

Clever Girl winery had there peach sangria for the adults out side of their store front on Broadway, and the great food truck 'The Greek Shack' menu was a nice change up of event food.

The weather was great for a 50 degree night in December.

As it started to get dark the festivities ended with the entrance of Santa Clause and one of his elves.

He walked thru the crowd and greeted the children stopping to talk to them on his way to the

He joined Bangor Mayor Mary Ellen Defranco at the Christmas tree along side the library to do the tree lighting ceremony.

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