Senator Alesi to Join Foodlink's Monthly Radio Show Today

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Foodlink's "Abundance Shared" Radio Show to air on WYSL's 1040 AM

Senator Alesi will join Foodlink Executive Director and Founder, Tom Ferraro and Chief Operating Officer, Jeanette Batiste for Foodlink's "Abundance Shared" monthly radio show to discuss funding secured through the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council. The show will air on WYSL's 1040 AM today, Thursday, February 16th, from 6:30 until 7:30 pm.

"I was pleased to join Tom and Jeanette to discuss the funding Foodlink received through the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council," said Senator Alesi. "The Regional Councils have allowed for local leaders in business and academia to have direct input into how the local economy is shaped – applying their expertise to our region. For years Foodlink has been an invaluable asset in the Rochester community and this funding can continue the remarkable track record of job creation, training and services offered to area organizations and residents."

In collaboration with Governor Andrew Cuomo and Lt. Governor Bob Duffy, Senator Alesi put forth recommendations in last year's Budget to create the 10 Regional Economic Development Councils. Centered in Rochester, the Finger Lakes Council worked with state agencies to eliminate barriers to growth and prosperity, streamline the delivery of government services and programs, and stimulate economic development and job creation in Monroe County and neighboring counties. A second round of Regional Council funding has been included in the 2012-2013 Executive Budget Proposal.

In December, Senator Alesi announced that Foodlink had been granted $50,000 in funding toward training initiatives for 24 unemployed Rochester-area individuals in Value Added Processing to prepare them for a career in the food processing industry. A podcast of the radio show is available via WYSL's website, http://archives.warpradio.com/wysl/podcast.asp?id=44.

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