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## **MIDWEST FOOD BANK CONTINUES RELIEF EFFORTS TO FLORIDA**

MORTON, IL – Midwest Food Bank (MFB) continues to support the victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida with Disaster Relief. Multiple MFB locations in Illinois, Indiana, and Georgia have sent two semi-loads of critical shelf-stable food directly to MFB Florida. All divisions are engaged and ready to support the ongoing need in the MFB Florida location and the entire state.

The MFB location in Fort Myers, FL, was not damaged, and power has been restored to the facility. It is actively involved in providing Disaster Relief. MFB Florida is collaborating with emergency food organizations within Lee County and across the state of Florida to ensure resources are being directed to unmet needs.

“We’re thankful to be operational and in a position to help those in our communities,” says Karl Steidinger, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank Florida. “Relief agencies across the state are working together to provide help as quickly as possible.”

MFB Morton, IL, the organization’s Disaster Relief headquarters, has been packing family food boxes to send at the request of its front-line partner, The Salvation Army. Two semi-loads of 2,080 family food boxes have already been sent to Florida, two more will leave later this week, and two more are scheduled for next week. A semi-load of cleaning supplies was sent to Cape Coral, FL, at the request of Disaster Relief partner Somebody Cares.

“This is a collaborative effort between our volunteers, donors, Disaster Relief partners, and our nonprofit partner agencies,” says Jada Hoerr, CRO of Midwest Food Bank. “All working together allows us to live out our mission.”

MFB is anticipating sending more relief in the coming days. Volunteer opportunities will be posted on individual MFB locations’ websites and Facebook group pages.

For those who wish to help, financial donations give Midwest Food Bank the flexibility to quickly and efficiently respond to the needs of the victims. To help cover the cost of the supplies or fuel needed to transport them, visit [midwestfoodbank.org](http://midwestfoodbank.org), and click on “Donate.” On the donation form, select “Disaster Relief” for the designation. You may also text @MFB to 52014 to donate.

Midwest Food Bank has 12 locations, including 10 in the U.S. and one each in East Africa and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank, please visit their website at [midwestfoodbank.org](http://midwestfoodbank.org).

*Midwest Food Bank (“MFB”) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. As a faith-based organization, it is the mission of Midwest Food Bank to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. Our vision is to provide industry-leading food relief to those in need while feeding them spiritually.*

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