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ERIC HODEL NAMED CEO OF MIDWEST FOOD BANK

NORMAL, IL – The Midwest Food Bank National Board of Directors has elected Eric Hodel to the role of CEO of Midwest Food Bank effective January 1, 2022. Hodel has served Midwest Food Bank in the leadership position of COO/CFO since April 2017. Current CEO and Co-Founder David Kieser will remain President of the board, and no other organizational changes will be made.

“Eric’s leadership and strategic planning have strengthened Midwest Food Bank,” says Kieser. “I am pleased and confident he will continue advancing the MFB mission.”

Hodel joined Midwest Food Bank after 20 years of service at Caterpillar, Inc., where he worked in Engineering, Marketing, and Product Management. From when Hodel began at Midwest Food Bank in 2017, the annual food distribution total has increased from \$150 million to over \$380 million. During that time, new MFB divisions opened in Haiti, Texas, Pennsylvania, and New England. This increased the number of nonprofit partner agencies from 1,400 to over 2,000.

“I’m honored to care for the people and mission of Midwest Food Bank,” says Hodel. “I look forward to stewarding the positive culture of MFB while keeping a focus on sustainable growth.

Midwest Food Bank was founded in 2003 on Co-Founder David’s Kieser’s family farm. It now has 12 locations, including 10 in the US and one each in East Africa and Haiti. In 2020, MFB distributed more than \$380 million of food and empowered nearly 18,000 volunteers. For more information about Midwest Food Bank, please visit their website at midwestfoodbank.org.

Midwest Food Bank (“MFB”) is a private, nonprofit 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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