

Press Release

MIDWEST FOOD BANK PROVIDING 50,000 FOOD BOXES TO SALVATION ARMY

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Midwest Food Bank Set to Provide More Than 50,000 Food Boxes to The Salvation Army to Feed the Hungry During COVID-19 Pandemic

Midwest Food Bank is partnering with The Salvation Army to provide ‘emergency relief’ Family Food Boxes to individuals and families coping with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Locations receiving this aid include northern Illinois, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Iowa and Colorado “We are in contact with The Salvation Army daily, making sure the boxes are reaching those in need,” says Mike Hoffman, Procurement Director for Midwest Food Bank. So far, 11,000 boxes have been shipped with 40,000 scheduled in the weeks ahead.

As a first responder for The Salvation Army, Midwest Food Bank is able to procure and assemble family food boxes, containing enough shelf-stable food to feed a four-person family for four to five days. Volunteers assemble, fill and drive the boxes to relief sites where The Salvation Army oversees distribution. Good social distancing practices are in place as volunteers prepare the boxes to be shipped out.

“The Salvation Army and Midwest Food Bank have been longtime partners during times of need, and we’re grateful to once again work together to provide emergency supplies to the growing number of people who are in need of food assistance,” said Commissioner David Hudson, National Commander of The Salvation Army in the United States. “These family food boxes are being delivered to households across the country being impacted by the pandemic, including the recently unemployed, vulnerable populations who have been quarantined in their homes, and the food insecure who are dependent on community food pantries that are currently closed due to social distancing efforts. Food insecurity is occurring across diverse populations in this crisis, and we’re grateful to be able to help meet that need.”

“We’re blessed to be able to provide relief for those in need due to COVID-19,” says Jada Hoerr, Development Director for Midwest Food Bank. “For those wishing to help, financial donations give Midwest Food Bank the ability to quickly and efficiently respond to the needs of the food insecure.” Those wishing to help cover the cost of the supplies or the fuel needed to transport them may do so by visiting MidwestFoodBank.org, and clicking “Donate.”

People can also support their local Salvation Army by visiting [//salvationarmyusa.org/COVID19](https://salvationarmyusa.org/COVID19).

Midwest Food Bank has ten locations, eight in the United States, and one each in East Africa and Haiti. Its mission is to share the love of Christ, by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. More information available at midwestfoodbank.org

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