

Press Release

ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT MIDWEST FOOD BANK'S COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORT

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Normal, IL – Midwest Food Bank

Midwest Food Bank has received a collaborative grant to support COVID-19 Disaster Relief efforts. GROWMARK, COUNTRY Financial, and Illinois Farm Bureau have partnered to donate \$20,000. Their contributions will support four truckloads of family food boxes.

“These funds could not come at a better time,” says Jada Hoerr, Midwest Food Bank’s Development Director. “We are heavily involved in Disaster Relief efforts as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.”

As a first responder for The Salvation Army, Midwest Food Bank can have a semi-load of family food boxes on the road within 24 hours of a call. Family food boxes contain enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of 4 for 4-5 days. They are assembled, filled and delivered entirely by volunteers. Each semi-load holds about 1,000 boxes.

An additional donation was given by Precision Planting of Tremont, Illinois. This grant is to support Midwest Food Bank’s Tender Mercies prepackaged meal program. Tender Mercies consists of rice, beans, textured soy protein and chicken-flavored seasoning. The meals are packaged at Midwest Food Bank and cost about 15¢ per serving. Tender Mercies is a nutritious and cost-effective part of the relief effort.

Midwest Food Bank has 10 locations in the United States, Africa and Haiti. Their mission is to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and providing disaster relief at no cost to the recipients.

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