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MIDWEST FOOD BANK SENDING DISASTER RELIEF TO ALABAMA

MORTON, IL - Midwest Food Bank (MFB) is sending Disaster Relief to support the victims of the powerful tornado system that ripped through Alabama and Georgia on Thursday, January 12. The storm resulted in widespread property destruction, power outages, and at least nine deaths. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp (R) declared a state of emergency for the entire state in response to the extreme weather.

Tomorrow morning, two semi-loads of water and food boxes will leave Midwest Food Bank's Disaster Relief hub in Morton, IL, for Georgia. They will be driven to Georgia to be distributed in Alabama and Georgia by one of MFB's Disaster Relief partners, The Salvation Army.

"Midwest Food Bank is prepared and ready to respond to requests like this," says Lisa Martin, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank Morton. "We're thankful to be able to help our neighbors in this difficult time."

The Salvation Army is currently assessing needs in the area. More relief may be requested in the coming days.

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, 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.

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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