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**MIDWEST FOOD BANK PREPARED TO SEND DISASTER RELIEF TO
TORNADO VICTIMS**

NORMAL, IL – A historic tornado outbreak wreaked havoc in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee beginning Friday, December 10, 2021. Hardest hit was Western Kentucky, where one tornado was tracked for over 200 miles. The death toll has reached 50 and may continue to rise.

Midwest Food Bank has been communicating with one of their Disaster Relief partners, The Salvation Army. MFB is “on standby” while TSA assesses the need and prepares locations to receive help. MFB has seven semi loads of family food boxes ready to send.

“We are checking our inventory and preparing to help our neighbors in this tragedy,” says Mike Hoffman, Inventory and Logistics Director for Midwest Food Bank. “MFB is prepared to help as long as necessary.”

Volunteer opportunities may be available at various MFB locations. Interested parties should monitor the MFB Facebook page and follow the Facebook group for opportunities in their local area.

Family food boxes have enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of four for four to five days. As a Salvation Army First Responder, Midwest Food Bank can have relief on the road within 24 hours of a call.

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, or 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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