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**MIDWEST FOOD BANK DISPATCHES DISASTER RELIEF TO TEXAS  
FOLLOWING SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING**

**Peoria, IL, May 28, 2024** – In response to the recent severe storms and flooding that have left over half a million residents without power in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Midwest Food Bank is mobilizing its disaster relief efforts. A significant load of food supplies is being sent to our Texas division to support the affected communities.

More than 500,000 people were impacted by the extreme weather, which brought tornado warnings, severe thunderstorms, and flash floods across North and Central Texas. With winds exceeding 80 mph, heavy rains, and widespread power outages, many residents face significant challenges in the coming days.

Midwest Food Bank is staging over 20,000 pounds of food in Texas to aid those affected by the storm. “Our mission is to help those in need during times of crisis,” said Eric Hodel, CEO of Midwest Food Bank. “By providing essential food supplies, we aim to bring relief to the families and individuals who have been devastated by these severe weather events.”

The dispatched food supplies include non-perishable items, emergency food boxes, and other essential goods to ensure that the most vulnerable populations receive the necessary aid during this difficult time (OR expected to support over 5,000 families in the hardest-hit areas). The team in Texas is coordinating with local authorities and other non-profit organizations to distribute the food efficiently and reach the hardest-hit areas.

Midwest Food Bank’s rapid response is part of our ongoing commitment to disaster relief efforts across the country. In 2023 alone, we provided over 1 million meals to disaster-stricken areas. 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](http://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.

**About Midwest Food Bank**

*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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