

## Press Release

### **Kroger Co. Foundation donates \$45,000 to Midwest Food Bank**

The Kroger Co. Foundation donated \$45,000 to Midwest Food Bank during the month of January, 2020. The funds will be applied to Midwest Food Bank's Hope Pack and Food Procurement programs across Indiana & Illinois. "Kroger has a long history of partnership with Midwest Food Bank to support those suffering from Food Insecurity," said Jada Hoerr, Development & Relations Director of Midwest Food Bank. "From food donations to the granting dollars, we see that Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste initiative is making an impact."

"Kroger is determined to end hunger wherever you find our stores," said Colleen Juergensen, president of Kroger Central Division. "We know many Indiana and Illinois families struggle to put food on the table. Hope Packs is one way to ensure that children have nutritious meals when they are out of school for the weekend. We want them and their families to thrive, so we are grateful for the opportunity to work with Midwest Food Bank. Together, we can fight food access challenges and make sure meals are available to more of those families in need."

A check presentation for a portion of these funds will take place at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Midwest Food Bank, Bloomington-Normal Division at 2031 Warehouse Road in Normal.

Midwest Food Bank has 10 locations in the United States, Africa and Haiti. Their mission is to alleviate hunger by gathering and distributing food donations to not-for-profits and disaster sites at no cost to the recipients. Thanks to donor support, the Midwest Food Bank distributed over \$260 Million in food last year.

The Kroger Co. Foundation, established in 1987, supports nonprofit organizations focused on ending hunger, improving food security and bringing balanced meals to families who need them most. The foundation addresses our communities' needs today while striving to end hunger tomorrow. The Kroger Foundation is confident its partnerships will achieve meaningful change that transforms our communities.

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