

Press Release

The GROWMARK Foundation Donates \$40,000 to Midwest Food Bank - Donation continues longstanding relationship between the two organizations BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (March 25, 2020)

The GROWMARK Foundation donated \$40,000 to the Midwest Food Bank. The funds will support multiple programs at Midwest Food Bank, including Tender Mercies & Hope Packs.

“GROWMARK has a long history of supporting our efforts to help those in need,” said Jada Hoerr, Development & Relations Director of Midwest Food Bank. “From employee volunteer groups to the granting dollars, we value our partnership with GROWMARK.” Thanks to partners like GROWMARK, Midwest Food Bank distributed \$278 Million in food last year. Midwest Food Bank honors the partnership now more than ever as the need for services has increased with COVID-19.

“GROWMARK and our employees believe we have a noble purpose: to help feed and fuel the world. This donation helps so many people around the world through this great organization in our backyard,” said GROWMARK Corporate Communications Manager Amy Bradford. The GROWMARK Foundation was formally incorporated in 2005 and supports 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organizations. The Foundation is focused on programs and activities which support: the vitality of the industry of agriculture; agriculture education and consumer understanding of agriculture's contributions to society and the economy; agricultural leadership development; and education about the benefits of the cooperative way of doing business.

About GROWMARK: GROWMARK is an agricultural cooperative with annual sales of \$8.7 billion (FY 2019 data) providing agronomy, energy, facility planning, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services throughout North America. Headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois, GROWMARK owns the FS trademark, which is used by affiliated member cooperatives. More information is available at www.growmark.com.

About Midwest Food Bank: Midwest Food Bank has 8 locations in the United States, and 1 each in 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. More information is available at midwestfoodbank.org.

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