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MIDWEST FOOD BANK WELCOMES NEW NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

NORMAL, IL – Midwest Food Bank welcomes Brandon Lipps to the National Board of Directors. He is the co-founder of Caprock Strategies, which focuses on agriculture, food, poverty alleviation, and strategies of change so people can thrive.

Lipps visited Midwest Food Bank Bloomington-Normal in October 2020, when he was the USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. This agency administers more than \$100 billion per year for the nation's feeding and anti-poverty programs and the dietary guidelines for Americans. At the time of the visit, Brandon was creating ways for low-income Americans to have access to food during the nation's response to COVID-19.

"I am honored and humbled to join the mission of Midwest Food Bank, an organization I've respected and admired for many years," says Lipps. "Like MFB, I care deeply about meeting every individual where they are today, with what they need to thrive tomorrow."

"I am pleased to welcome someone with Brandon's passion and insight to our National Board," says Eric Hodel, CEO of Midwest Food Bank. "He brings Valuable experience and insights in the arena of food and poverty."

Originally from Texas, Lipps resides in Arlington, VA, with his wife and four children.

Midwest Food Bank has 12 locations, including 10 in the US 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, nonprofit 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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