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## **MIDWEST FOOD BANK TO OPEN NEW LOCATION IN CONNECTICUT**

NORMAL, IL – DECEMBER 21, 2020. David Kieser, Midwest Food Bank’s President and CEO, announced today the planned opening of Midwest Food Bank New England. A team of organizers is seeking a site in the Hartford, CT, area to serve relief agencies and food pantries throughout New England.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated 1 in 8 people in Connecticut struggled with food insecurity. 2020 estimates show this number has increased to 1 in 6, including a sobering 1 in 4 children.

Four individuals have been named to the MFB New England divisional board of directors: Joseph Koch, Maxine Schneider, Heather Summers, and Brent Walder. This group, working with others on a launch team, facilitated the efforts to establish the new MFB New England division. An Executive Director and additional board members will be named in 2021.

“We are thankful to have a strong local team leading this effort,” says Kieser. “We plan to leverage our national footprint by serving those in need with dignity and compassion.”

Midwest Food Bank distributes food without cost to over 2,000 non-profit partners and social service agencies in the United States. The economic hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic have increased needs due to greater food insecurity. Midwest Food Bank has 12 locations, including 10 in the United States and one each in East Africa and Haiti. Over \$350 million worth of food will be distributed by MFB in 2020, a 20% increase from 2019.

For more information about Midwest Food Bank or to partner in the startup of the New England Division, please visit their website at [midwestfoodbank.org](http://midwestfoodbank.org).

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*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.*