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MIDWEST FOOD BANK SUPPORTING UKRAINIANS WITH TENDER MERCIES

LOCATION, STATE – As a result of the Russian invasion begun in late February, over 3.3 million people have left Ukraine in the largest refugee crisis since World War II. Most refugees have gone to the countries directly west of Ukraine, including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

Midwest Food Bank is partnering with Convoy of Hope to get nearly 240,000 servings of Tender Mercies to Romania to support Ukrainian relief efforts. Convoy of Hope has a 35,000 sq. ft. warehouse with staff in Poland near the Ukrainian border. They are making regular shipments of food and supplies to the location.

Tender Mercies, Midwest Food Bank's nutritious rice and beans meal, is produced and packaged at the Morton, IL, location. The meals are scheduled for pick-up Wednesday, March 23, at the Morton MFB warehouse.

"Midwest Food Bank's partnership with Convoy of Hope allows us to do what we do best," says Mike Hoffman, Inventory and Logistics Director for Midwest Food Bank. "Supporters can have confidence these meals will get into the hands of those in need."

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 Tender Mercies, visit midwestfoodbank.org, and click on the "Support Ukraine" banner, midwestfoodbank.org/ukraine, or text @MFB to 52014 to donate.

Midwest Food Bank has 12 locations, including 10 in the U.S. and one each in East Africa and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank, please visit their website at midwestfoodbank.org.

Tender Mercies is a program of Midwest Food Bank. Tender Mercies was designed by dietitians to provide critical nutrition while offering delicious, shelf-stable food. Savory rice and beans are the foundation of the Tender Mercies recipe. They're fortified with protein, essential vitamins, and minerals to ensure maximum nutritional value.

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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