

Press Release

MIDWEST FOOD BANK RECOGNIZED BY CHARITY NAVIGATOR

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Normal, IL – Midwest Food Bank

Charity Navigator, America's premiere charity evaluator, has placed Midwest Food Bank on a short list of charities responding to the COVID-19 crisis. According to Charity Navigator's website, "The donations you make today will directly help those who need it most. Please consider supporting one of these trustworthy organizations."

"Midwest Food Bank is living its mission of sharing the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and providing disaster relief," says Eric Hodel, COO/CFO of MFB. "It's an honor to be recognized for that work."

Charity Navigator's highest ranking of 4-Star Charity has been awarded to Midwest Food Bank for eight consecutive years. Those who wish to help may make a financial donation through the website: midwestfoodbank.org. Financial donations give MFB the flexibility to respond quickly in crisis situations.

The Salvation Army has been requesting semi loads of family food boxes from Midwest Food Bank and those are being delivered. Three semi-loads were sent last week and four will have been sent by the end of this week. Midwest Food Bank has committed to six more loads. Family food boxes contain enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of 4 for 4-5 days. They are assembled, filled and delivered entirely by volunteers. Each load holds about 1,000 boxes.

Locations receiving this aid include northern Illinois, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. "We are in contact with The Salvation Army daily, making sure the boxes are reaching those in need and not being stockpiled somewhere," says Mike Hoffman, Procurement Director for Midwest Food Bank.

MFB has limited the number of volunteers allowed inside the warehouse in accordance with social distancing recommendations, and is following increased hygiene and sanitation efforts. Volunteers who are ill or susceptible are asked to refrain from volunteering at this time. MFB will communicate relief efforts and needs through their website and social media.

Midwest Food Bank has ten locations, eight in the United States, and one each in East Africa and Haiti. Its mission is to share the love of Christ, by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination.

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