

TYSON FOODS DONATES WHOLE CHICKENS TO MIDWEST FOOD BANK

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Normal, IL - Midwest Food Bank

For the next six weeks, Tyson will be sending a semi load of chickens to Midwest Food Bank divisions in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, and two locations in Illinois - Bloomington-Normal and Peoria. The chickens are whole, healthy, and fully processed. Midwest Food Bank will distribute the chickens to their partner agencies to be given to those in need.

“This donation is an incredible resource of protein for our partner agencies,” says Tara Ingham, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. “It’s a perfect mesh with our efforts to provide more nutritious food.”

In addition to feeding the hungry, Midwest Food Bank provides disaster relief in partnership with The Salvation Army, distributing boxes of food and personal care items. This year, responding to the COVID-19 crisis, 27 semi-loads of relief have been delivered and 33 more semi-loads requested and planned.

“Tyson was asking for a commitment of six week worth of donations,” says Mike Hoffman, Procurement and Logistics Director of Midwest Food Bank. “MFB is thankful to be able to provide this food to our agencies, as well as helping to ensure the food will be used.”

Midwest Food Bank distributes food without cost to over 2,000 not-for-profit pantries and social service agencies in the US, and internationally in East Africa and Haiti. Nearly \$280 million worth of food was distributed to over 4 million people in 2019. MFB has continued operations through the COVID-19 crisis by adapting procedures to follow social distancing recommendations.

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