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Midwest Food Bank

MIDWEST FOOD BANK RESPONDING TO DISASTERS IN NEW YORK, TENNESSEE, AND HAITI

Midwest food Bank is working to respond to a number of disasters in the US and Haiti. Storms from Hurricane Henri continue across the Northeast, with heavy rain and flooding still possible through tonight. A load of Disaster Relief for New York has been requested by The Salvation Army.

A semi load of family food boxes and hygiene kits will be leaving Midwest Food Bank Bloomington-Normal tonight or tomorrow. Loads are being prepared in anticipation of more requests. There will be volunteer opportunities for the community as Disaster Relief boxes will be assembled this week.

"We are standing by to help our neighbors in the Northeast," says Tara Ingham, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank Bloomington-Normal. "Our dedicated volunteers and generous donors allow MFB to bring help and hope to those in need."

Midwest Food Bank is also anticipating requests for relief for Tennessee. Nine to 17 inches of rain fell across the middle of the state in a six-hour period on Saturday, August 21. At least 22 people were killed, and more than 50 were missing as of this morning.

"We are in a state of readiness for Disaster Relief requests," says Mike Hoffman, Logistics Director of Midwest Food Bank. "MFB is preparing to send relief as long as necessary."

Family food boxes have enough shelf-stable food to feed a family of four for four to five days. As a Salvation Army First Responder, Midwest Food Bank can have relief on the road within 24 hours of a call.

On August 14, a devastating magnitude 7.2 earthquake hit the southern peninsula of Haiti. Two days later, tropical storm Grace dumped up to 15 inches of rain on Haiti. Midwest Food Bank Haiti is shipping earthquake relief sea containers to Haiti and working with experienced partners on the ground to identify and feed at-risk children and adults.

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 the supplies or fuel needed to transport them, visit midwestfoodbank.org, and click on "Donate." On the donation form, select "Disaster Relief" for the designation, 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 (of MFB Location), please visit their website at midwestfoodbank.org.

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.