

Press Release

MIDWEST FOOD BANK THE RECIPIENT OF UNITED WAY GRANT

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Peoria, IL – Midwest Food Bank

Midwest Food Bank is the recipient of a donation from The Heart of Illinois United Way. The \$40,000 gift is specifically to fund child feeding programs.

MFB Peoria's Backpack Program supports 36 schools in Tazewell and Peoria counties. Non-perishable, child-friendly food is given to qualifying students on Friday to ensure access to food over the weekend. Nearly 5,000 children receive food from programs supported by MFB Peoria.

"Heart of Illinois United Way is thrilled to partner with Midwest Food Bank Peoria," says Gina Edwards, HOIUW Vice President of Marketing and Communications. "We will definitely impact more students through this collaboration."

"This generous gift could not come at a better time," says Monica Scheuer, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank Peoria. "We will be able to improve the quality and consistency of the food we provide."

Midwest Food Bank has 10 locations in the United States, Africa and Haiti. Their mission is to alleviate hunger by gathering and distributing food donations to not-for-profits and disaster sites at no cost to the recipients.

The media is invited to Midwest Food Bank Peoria on July 10 at 8:30 a.m., when an announcement will be made to partnering agencies. For more information, contact Monica Scheuer at 309-663-5350, or mscheuer@midwestfoodbank.org

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