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Celebrating Service: Church of Jesus Christ Donates \$550,000 in Food, Equipment, and Hope

Morton, IL. – Midwest Food Bank hosted a celebration this March at its Morton warehouse to recognize a powerful expression of cooperation and generosity. *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* has donated approximately \$550,000 in food, equipment, and relief supplies to further MFB’s mission of serving families facing hunger and disaster across the country.

The celebration included a check presentation from the Light the World Giving Machine fundraising effort in Iowa, as well as showcased a fleet of new assets that will directly expand MFB’s reach, including a semi-trailer for Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a forklift; a semi tractor; and a reefer trailer designated for use in MFB Indiana.

Also included in the donation:

- 4,000 disaster relief kits
- 200,000 servings of Tender Mercies meals
- Vital transportation and warehousing equipment enabling food distribution to remote and underserved areas

“This is more than a donation, it’s an investment in our ability to serve,” said [Jada Hoerr], Chief Resource Officer of Midwest Food Bank. “The Church’s support allows us to respond faster, go farther, and feed more people. It’s a blessing to partner with an organization so deeply committed to compassion in action.”

"This contribution reflects our shared purpose: to serve as Christ has asked us to serve," said Kirt L. Hodges, a regional leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "Every meal, every piece of equipment, it's all about getting help to those who need it most."

Midwest Food Bank was founded in 2003 on the Kieser family farm in rural McLean County, Illinois. Partner non-profit agencies receive food from MFB at no cost. MFB, the largest food bank in the U.S., has 10 domestic locations serving 29 states. There are also two international locations, East Africa and Haiti. For more information about Midwest Food Bank (your 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 and providing disaster relief. Our vision is to serve those in need with excellence, providing physical and spiritual nourishment.

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