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Two Nonprofits, One Mission: Midwest Food Bank and Impact Central Illinois Unite to Fight Hunger with New Refrigerated Truck

PEORIA, IL. – This morning, Midwest Food Bank hosted a meaningful community gathering to unveil a brand-new refrigerated truck, funded through a generous \$118,000 grant from Impact Central Illinois. The event, held at the Midwest Food Bank facility in Peoria, brought together staff, volunteers, and Impact Central Illinois members to celebrate the expanding impact of food rescue across Central Illinois.

The new truck, now branded with updated graphics to reflect Midwest Food Bank’s brand, will be a vital tool in scaling up the organization’s Food Rescue and Distribution Program. With increased capacity to recover and deliver perishable food, the vehicle represents a tangible step toward reducing waste and feeding more families.

“This truck is more than just a new set of wheels, it’s a strategic investment in feeding people and preventing good food from going to waste,” said Christa Staley, Executive Director of Midwest Food Bank. “Thanks to the support of Impact Central Illinois, we’re already seeing what this partnership can do for our communities.”

Impact on the Community

With food prices rising and many families still facing economic hardship, this grant enables Midwest Food Bank to scale up one of its most essential services. In 2024 alone, the organization distributed more than 526 million pounds of food across the U.S., with a growing share of that coming from rescued food sources. The new truck will increase their capacity to recover fresh, perishable items from stores and donors, items that would otherwise go to waste.

How to Get Involved

Midwest Food Bank relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers to make their mission possible. Here’s how you can help:

- Donate to support operational costs and programs like food rescue:
www.midwestfoodbank.org

- Volunteer your time to help sort, pack, and distribute food

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 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.

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