

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 27, 2026

Sam Thompson
Midwest Food Bank
817-928-3714
sam.thompson@midwestfoodbank.org

Midwest Food Bank Provides Aid to Communities Impacted by North Texas Storms

Holtom City, TX. – Following a devastating outbreak of severe storms across North Texas on April 25–26, 2026, Midwest Food Bank (MFB) has mobilized immediate disaster relief efforts to support communities hit hardest by multiple tornadoes. With confirmed fatalities, injuries, and widespread displacement, MFB is delivering critical supplies, including a full truckload of bottled water to impacted families in Runaway Bay (Wise County) and Springtown (Parker County).

An EF-2 tornado with winds reaching approximately 135 mph tore through Runaway Bay, while an EF-1 tornado, with winds near 105 mph, caused significant damage in and around Springtown. Early reports confirm multiple injuries, and more than 20 families displaced, as homes were destroyed, roads blocked, and power outages spread across the region.

“When disaster hits, it doesn’t matter the size of the town, every life matters,” said Sam Thompson, Executive Director at Midwest Food Bank. “We are committed to showing up for every community in need. No community is too small to receive help, and we are already working to ensure families have access to clean water and essential resources.”

Impact on the Community

The storms left a concentrated path of destruction across smaller, often under-resourced communities:

- Residential damage: Multiple homes destroyed or severely damaged
- Displacement: Over 20 families forced from their homes
- Infrastructure disruption: Roads blocked by debris, limiting access for emergency crews
- Power outages: Widespread outages impacting daily life and recovery efforts

Midwest Food Bank’s rapid deployment of water and supplies is designed to stabilize immediate needs and prevent further hardship, particularly for families without access to clean drinking water or basic necessities.

How You Can Help

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/locations/texas/ to donate. Together, we can provide hope and help to those in need.

Midwest Food Bank is a faith-based nonprofit founded in 2003 in Illinois that provides food at no cost to nonprofit agencies. What began as a local effort founded on a family farm has grown to serve communities through multiple U.S. and international locations. Since its origin, Midwest Food Bank has distributed food and relief supplies valued at more than \$4.5 billion to help meet basic needs, including disaster response efforts that support communities during emergencies. Powered by thousands of dedicated volunteers, Midwest Food Bank operates with exceptional efficiency, with more than 99 cents of every dollar going directly to hunger relief and disaster relief programs. The organization is a registered 501(c)(3) organization committed to serving all people with compassion and care, without discrimination.

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.

###

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Sam Thompson at 817-928-3714 or sam.thompson@midwestfoodbank.org