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Eastern Illinois Foodbank receives \$5,000 John P. Cadle Foundation grant for Foodmobile Program

URBANA, Illinois – Eastern Illinois Foodbank received a \$5,000 grant from the John P. Cadle Foundation. Funds from the grant will be used to partially fund the Eastern Illinois Foodbank’s Foodmobile Program in Vermilion County, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to areas of chronic or extreme need. Each Foodmobile delivers approximately 10,000 pounds of food to 100-150 households struggling with hunger.

“1 in 5 children and more than 100,000 individuals in eastern Illinois do not know where their next meal will come,” said Jim Hires, President and CEO of the Foodbank. “It’s particularly hard for those living in rural areas to gain access emergency food. Our Foodmobile Program helps close a critical gap for those households struggling to put food on their tables. We’re so grateful to the John P. Cadle Foundation for their continued, generous support.”

Eastern Illinois Foodbank has previously received John P. Cadle grants, a portion of which were also used for the Vermilion County Foodmobile Program. The funds helped provide emergency food and grocery products to individuals living in rural and underserved communities.

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About Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Eastern Illinois Foodbank works to alleviate hunger in eastern Illinois through cooperation with a network of food pantries, agencies and other programs like the Foodmobile Program. The Foodbank distributes donated and discounted food throughout an 18-county service area in cooperation with more than 160 member agencies and programs. Through these agencies, the Foodbank provides food to more than 100,000 different men, women and children each year. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America (formerly America’s Second Harvest), Feeding Illinois, the United Way of Coles County, and the United Way of Champaign County. For more information, visit eifoodbank.org.