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Caterpillar Foundation Investment in Eastern Illinois Foodbank Will Fight Hunger for More Than 6,700 People in Livingston County

URBANA, Illinois – Eastern Illinois Foodbank announced a \$24,691 grant from the Caterpillar Foundation to provide food to more than 6,700 people who face food insecurity in Livingston County, Illinois. A member of the Feeding America network, EIF is one of 29 food banks selected to receive this grant.

"Eastern Illinois Foodbank is grateful to the Caterpillar Foundation for its commitment to alleviating hunger and supporting food-insecure families in our area," said Jim Hires, President and CEO of the Foodbank. "This grant will allow us to better serve families and children in need."

Of the more than 100,000 people in east central Illinois that face hunger, approximately one-third are children. Grant funds will offset the cost of food for the nine agencies serving these families in Livingston County, providing pantry staples for at least six months. "This grant will help us give out more food and help more people," said Evelyn Ribordy, director of the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry in Pontiac.

This grant is one of many given to Feeding America and its member food banks as part of a national investment to help alleviate hunger across the country, including in 39 counties where Caterpillar employees live and work. This donation will help provide 123,455 meals to local children and families in need.

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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. 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 meals to more than 100,000 men, women and children each year. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Illinois, the United Way of Coles County, and the United Way of Champaign County. For more information, visit eifoodbank.org.

About the Caterpillar Foundation

Founded in 1952, Caterpillar's philanthropic organization, the Caterpillar Foundation has contributed more than \$685 million to help make sustainable progress possible around the world by providing program support in the areas of environmental sustainability, access to education and basic human needs. To learn more about the global impact of the Caterpillar Foundation, please visit www.togetherstronger.com.