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### **Eastern Illinois Foodbank receives \$8,500 Wells Fargo Advisors grant for Foodmobile Program**

URBANA, Illinois –Eastern Illinois Foodbank received an \$8,500 grant from the Wells Fargo Advisors grant initiative. Funds from the grant will be used to partially fund the Eastern Illinois Foodbank’s Foodmobile Program in McLean County, a system of mobile food pantries designed to increase access to nutritious food for residents in rural and under-served communities. Each Foodmobile delivers approximately 10,000 pounds of food to 100-150 households struggling with hunger.

Funding for the program has come at a critical time for individuals and families in our area. “One-third of the people struggling with hunger in eastern Illinois are children,” said Jim Hires, President and CEO of the Foodbank. “Our Foodmobile Program ensures individuals and families have a place to turn for help. Last year, nearly 600,000 pounds of food, including 195,000 pounds of fresh produce, were directly delivered to those that need it most at Foodmobiles.”

Eastern Illinois Foodbank has received an additional \$1,000 in Wells Fargo Advisors grants since 2015 for the Foodmobile Program. Support from Wells Fargo Advisors has helped ensure that households struggling with hunger have a place to turn to for help.

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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.*

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