



News Release

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SEMO FOOD BANK AWARDED SIXTH CONSECUTIVE 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Sikeston, MO (June 1, 2021) – For the sixth straight year, Charity Navigator has given its highest rating, four stars, to Southeast Missouri Food Bank for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

“It is an honor to again receive Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of the food bank. “It shows our donors that we can be trusted to put their gifts toward our mission: fighting hunger in southeast Missouri.”

According to Charity Navigator, the 4-star rating indicates that an organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way and verifies that Southeast Missouri Food Bank exceeds industry standards. Only 12 percent of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received the highest rating for six years in a row.

Nearly 97 percent of donations to SEMO Food Bank support programs providing food to the one in five households in our area that do not have access to enough food. Every \$1 donated helps provide four meals.

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About Charity Navigator

Since 2001, Charity Navigator has provided millions of donors with free access to data, tools and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. Through these ratings, nonprofits are equipped with the nonprofit sector’s premier trust indicator and a powerful platform to raise awareness and funds. Accessed more than 11 million times annually, donors can give with confidence knowing the organizations that are highly rated on Charity Navigator efficiently steward donations and are accountable and transparent. Charity Navigator does not charge the organizations it evaluates, ensuring the ratings remain objective.

About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build healthy communities. The food bank provides food to 143 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. These member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters. Southeast Missouri Food Bank also holds regular mobile food distributions and provides monthly boxes of food to 5,350 senior citizens and weekend backpacks of food during the school year to nearly 1,200 students in 32 school districts. The food bank's 16-county coverage area includes Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, and Wayne counties. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit semofoodbank.org for more information.