



## News Release

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### **KROGER in POPLAR BLUFF AWARDS \$3,000 GRANT TO SEMO FOOD BANK**

Sikeston, MO (March 10, 2020) – Kroger in Poplar Bluff has awarded a \$3,000 grant to Southeast Missouri Food Bank to provide Truck to Table Mobile Food Pantry distributions. Funding will supply Butler County families with nutritious food through three mobiles to be held near the Kroger grocery store. Each mobile serves an average of 200 families.

One in six households and one in five children in Butler County struggles with hunger. This translates into more than 7,000 individuals in Butler County who may not know where their next meal is coming from.

"Kroger's donation will help us reach struggling families: covering food and freight- for mobile food pantry distributions to meet our neighbors' most immediate needs." said Joey Keys, President and CEO of Southeast Missouri Food Bank. "From food donations to grant dollars, Kroger is committed to helping our local community and being part of the solution to end hunger."

"We know that meals matter, and it's imperative that we help feed and support Southeast Missourians" said Joel Frye, Kroger's Store Manager.

Along with financial support, Kroger also donates food to SEMO Food Bank's to support their agency network – in Poplar Bluff. Some of the many agencies that SEMO Food Bank serves in Poplar Bluff include: Bread Shed, Friends Ministry, Child Concern Center, St. Vincent De Paul, Northside Nutrition Center, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, United Gospel Mission, Feed and Seed Food Pantry, and New Covenant Fellowship Pantry.

More information about our mobile program is available on SEMO Food Bank's website at <https://www.semofoodbank.org/programs/mobile-food-pantry/>

More information about Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan can be found at <https://www.kroger.com/f/zero-hunger-zero-waste>.

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#### **About Kroger**

At The Kroger Co., we are dedicated to our purpose to Feed the Human Spirit™. We have 443,000 associates who serve 8.5 million customers every day in 2,792 retail food stores under a variety of local banner names in 35 states and the District of Columbia. Our family of companies operates an expanding ClickList offering – a personalized order online service – in addition to 2,255 pharmacies, 782 convenience stores, 311 fine

jewelry stores, 220 retail health clinics, 1,453 supermarket fuel centers and 38 food production plants in the United States. Our company has been recognized as one of America's most generous companies for its support of more than 100 Feeding America food bank partners, breast cancer research and awareness, the military and their families, and more than 145,000 community organizations including schools. As a leader in supplier diversity, we are a proud member of the Billion Dollar Roundtable.

### **About Southeast Missouri Food Bank**

Southeast Missouri Food Bank provides food to 140 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. 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. Member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters, senior citizen programs, children's programs, and non-profit rehabilitation facilities. The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build a healthy community. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit [SemoFoodBank.org](http://SemoFoodBank.org) for more information.