



## News Release

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### **Union Pacific Railroad Awards \$5,000 Grant to Southeast Missouri Food Bank**

Sept. 3, 2021 – Southeast Missouri Food Bank has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Union Pacific Railroad to help fight child hunger in southeast Missouri.

The funds will provide for three A Better Childhood (ABC) Mobile Food Pantries in Lilbourn and Malden, Mo.

“We appreciate this donation from Union Pacific Railroad,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of the food bank. “Many children in southeast Missouri live in homes where there isn’t enough to eat. This grant and the ABC mobile pantries will help get food on their table.”

According to Feeding America’s most recent projections, 1 in 5 children in southeast Missouri live in a home without enough food. The numbers are even higher in the more southern counties of Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Ripley.

#### **About Union Pacific Railroad**

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#### **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 140 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 [www.semoodank.org](http://www.semoodank.org) for more information.