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MONTGOMERY BANK DONATES \$15,000 TO SEMO FOOD BANK'S FEED MORE EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

Sikeston, MO (May 5, 2022) – Montgomery Bank recently donated \$15,000 to Southeast Missouri Food Bank, benefitting the Feed More expansion campaign to fund renovations of the food bank's Cape County location.

Joel Montgomery Sr. founded the food bank, then known as the Bootheel Food Bank, in 1985.

"We are making this donation in memory of Joel Montgomery Sr., who was so instrumental in getting the food bank created in its infancy," said Jim Limbaugh, regional president and executive vice president for Montgomery Bank. "This is yet another way we can recognize Mr. Montgomery's commitment not only to the food bank but to Montgomery Bank as well."

The food bank purchased the former Sappington Pro building in Jackson in fall 2021. It is currently undergoing renovations with plans to open late-summer. Joey Keys, SEMO Food Bank chief executive officer, said it will add needed warehouse, office and volunteer space for the food bank.

"Adding a location in Cape County is going to allow us to better serve the people of southeast Missouri who don't have adequate food to eat," Keys said. "It will help improve access for our northern counties and expand our volunteer opportunities. We're so thankful for Montgomery Bank's support of this expansion. The food bank has deep ties with the bank and Montgomery family."

SEMO Food Bank serves about 70,000 individuals each month across 16 counties through a network of partner agencies and other programs.

For more information about the food bank's expansion, or to make a contribution, go to <https://www.semofoodbank.org/capital-campaign/>.

CUTLINE: Montgomery Bank recently made a \$15,000 donation to the Southeast Missouri Food Bank's Feed More campaign to help fund renovations to its Cape County location. Pictured, front row from left, are Brandon Pylate of Montgomery Bank, SEMO Food Bank board member Julianna Montgomery Ford, Connie Werner and Derrick Biri of Montgomery Bank; back row from left, Sarah M. Garner and Joey Keys, both with SEMO Food Bank.

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About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

Southeast Missouri Food Bank provides food to 140 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in 16 southeast Missouri counties. They include Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, and Wayne counties. The food bank also provides mobile food distributions, monthly boxes of food to eligible seniors and weekend backpacks of food to 1,200 in 31 school districts. The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build a healthy community. The food bank is affiliated with Feeding America, the nation's largest food bank network, and has received the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator, attesting to its adherence to best practices. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or volunteering. Visit SemoFoodBank.org for more information.