



News Release

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RULER FOODS AWARDS \$2,000 GRANT TO SEMO FOOD BANK

Sikeston, MO (November 3, 2021) – Ruler Foods has awarded a \$2,000 grant to Southeast Missouri Food Bank to provide food for families in need. Funding will help supply Cape Girardeau families with nutritious food through a mobile distribution to be held near a Ruler Foods grocery store.

One in eight people in Missouri suffer from food insecurity. In southeast Missouri, food insecurity rates have reached 17 percent overall and 21 percent for households with children.

"Ruler Foods donation will help us continue to reach more struggling families, especially in a time where food costs are continuing to rise," said Joey Keys, president and chief executive officer of Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

More information about the food banks mobile program is available on SEMO Food Bank's website at www.semofoodbank.org/mobile-food-pantries/

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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 for more information.