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TYSON FOODS AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT, DONATES 40,000 POUNDS OF CHICKEN TO SEMO FOOD BANK

Sikeston, MO (July 15, 2022) – Tyson Foods has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Southeast Missouri Food Bank and donated 40,000 pounds of chicken to help families facing food insecurity.

“We are so excited to receive these donations from Tyson Foods,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of the food bank. “We hear from people we serve that they often can’t afford healthy proteins like chicken at grocery stores. Protein is also among the most expensive for the food bank to purchase. We’re thrilled Tyson is making it possible for southeast Missouri families to receive this nutritious food.”

According to a study conducted by the University of Missouri in 2021, 64 percent of people visiting food pantries in southeast Missouri said they purchased the least expensive food, even if they knew it was not the healthiest. That study also found over 50 percent of households had at least one member with a significant health issue, including diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

“We know our efforts are stronger through collaboration, and we’re proud to support Southeast Missouri Food Bank and its mission to end hunger,” said Brian Crowe, senior manager, live operations of Tyson Foods in Dexter. “Enabling our partners to address food insecurity and provide nutritious, quality food to the broader community is critical to Tyson Foods.”

The grant funds will be used to support mobile food distributions throughout the rest of the year in Stoddard and Dunklin counties, which both rank in the top 20 counties for food insecurity in the state. The mobile food pantries funded by Tyson will include increased amounts of healthy produce and lean protein.

Dates and times for the Tyson-funded mobiles can be found on the food bank’s website at semofoodbank.org.

Cutline 1: Tyson Foods employees present a donation of \$25,000 to Southeast Missouri Food Bank. The funds will support mobile food distributions in Stoddard and Dunklin counties.

Cutline 2: Tyson Foods employees pack food boxes at Southeast Missouri Food Bank on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The employees volunteered at the food bank in addition to donating 40,000 pounds of chicken and a grant of \$25,000 to the food bank.

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About Tyson Foods

Tyson Foods Inc. (NYSE: TSN) is one of the world's largest food companies and a recognized leader in protein. Founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson and grown under three generations of family leadership, the company has a broad portfolio of products and brands like Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells®, ibp® and State Fair®. Tyson Foods innovates continually to make protein more sustainable, tailor food for everywhere it's available and raise the world's expectations for how much good food can do. Headquartered in Springdale, Arkansas, the company had 121,000 team members at September 29, 2018. Through its Core Values, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity, create value for its shareholders, customers, communities and team members and serve as a steward of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it. Visit www.tysonfoods.com.

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.