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Registration Open for 12th Annual SEMO Food Bank Golf Classic

SIKESTON, Mo. (July 17, 2023) – Registration has opened for the 12th annual Southeast Missouri Food Bank Golf Classic, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, at Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau.

Sponsorship opportunities for the outing are available, with most sponsor levels including a team entry. Team-only registration for the four-man scramble is \$800. Lunch, golf cart, and food and drink along the course are included with registration. The roster is limited to 25 teams for the par-72 Jack Nicklaus-designed course, which is one of the top three private golf courses in the state.

“We’re really excited about this year’s golf classic,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of SEMO Food Bank. “We’ve got some great things planned for our teams and know it’s going to be a great day. More importantly though, it’s an opportunity to support families, children and seniors across southeast Missouri who are food insecure. Our area has some of the highest rates of hunger in the state, and inflation over the last couple years has really taken a toll on working families and seniors on fixed incomes.”

Proceeds from the tournament will support the food bank’s programs that, with partner agencies, provides food to 80,000 individuals each month in a 16-county service area.

“We really appreciate all the support from the golf outing’s sponsors and players,” Keys said. “We’re serving more people each month than we were two years ago. We know neighbors are struggling, and this is a great opportunity to help them.”

Team check-in begins at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:30. The shotgun start will be at 12:30 p.m. The day also includes contests and a chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize from Coalter Insurance Group.

Interested teams can register online at semofoodbank.org; for sponsorship opportunities or more information, contact Heather Collier at 573-475-7573 or hcollier@semofoodbank.org.

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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 5,500 senior citizens and weekend backpacks of food during the school year to nearly 1,200 students in 30 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 semofoodbank.org for more information.