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Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas Receives Contribution from AT&T

Jonesboro, April 13, 2020: The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas announced today that a \$15,000 contribution it received from AT&T will support tornado recovery efforts.

In order to help those affected by recent tornadoes, AT&T gave this support to the Food Bank to help with their disaster response. The storm damaged multiple homes and businesses in the area and this contribution will be put to work helping hungry neighbors who were victims of the storms.

“We are grateful to AT&T for their support. These funds will allow the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas to purchase much needed shelf-stable food for area food pantries serving families who are recovering and rebuilding after recent tornadoes,” said Christie Jordan, CEO for the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas. “We recognize that recovery will take months and many families may need emergency food assistance as they work to rebuild their lives.”

According to Jordan, in times of crisis neighbors come together to help neighbors and the gift from AT&T is a great example of a company reaching out to make sure that struggling neighbors are not forgotten in times of crisis.

“Right now, many people are facing hard times. In addition to the recent tornadoes, our communities are also dealing with COVID-19,” said Jordan. “Many people have been furloughed or unemployed due to these events. People may be in a tough place they didn’t expect to be in just a few weeks ago. The Food Bank and our partner food pantries are here to help. We want families to know they shouldn’t feel embarrassed to ask for help.”

“We are honored to be a part of relief efforts to help Arkansans who have been doubly impacted by the tornadoes in Jonesboro and the surrounding area and the COVID-19 pandemic. We are confident the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas will put this AT&T contribution to good use to help our neighbors in need,” said Ronald Dedman, president of AT&T Arkansas.

Dedman noted that AT&T is working with various hunger relief organizations in the state as part of AT&T’s Believe ArkansasSM initiative that focuses on hunger and food insecurity.

The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas provides hunger relief to people in need by raising awareness, securing resources, and distributing food through a network of non-profit agencies and programs. The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas provides the equivalent of 119,000 meals each week to people facing hunger. The Food Bank works in partnership with 140 nonprofit

partner agencies and programs in 12 counties in Northeast Arkansas. These counties include: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis, and Woodruff. Additionally, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas is a member of Feeding America, a national network of food banks. Through our many partnerships, every \$1 donated can help provide 4 meals. For additional information, please visit our website www.foodbankofnea.org. You can also find the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas on Facebook @FoodBankofNEA, Twitter @foodbankofnea, and Instagram @foodbankofnea.

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