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**The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas receives \$8,000 Bayer Fund grant
for Fresh Produce Distribution**

Jonesboro, July 9, 2019: – Employees from Bayer Crop Science recommended the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas to receive an \$8,000 grant from Bayer Fund to assist with hunger relief. The grant funds will be used to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for the Food Bank’s Fresh Produce Distribution Program.

“Living in an agricultural state, many of us take for granted the access we have to fresh produce,” said Christie Jordan, CEO for the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas. “Hearing the excitement and gratitude from the recipients of the fresh produce is a reminder that many of our neighbors can’t always afford to choose healthy fruits and vegetables as part of their regular diet.”

“The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas plays such a large part in our surrounding communities and it is awesome that we can partner with such a great organization that gives so much to our area,” said Andrew Weeks Operations Lead, at Jonesboro Bayer Site.

“This is an excellent opportunity for our Jonesboro Bayer Crop Science team to engage our community and generate meaningful relationships and outcomes by leveraging the Bayer Fund, which aims to sustainably advance health and nutrition through innovation and outreach,” said Griff Griffith Site Lead, at Jonesboro Bayer Crop Science.

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million through this program to nonprofit organizations in rural communities to help address essential needs in Food & Nutrition, STEM Education, and Community Development. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7 million through this program over the last five years.

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About Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas

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 113,000 meals each week to individuals at risk of hunger in twelve counties. The Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, and because we work in collaboration, we can help provide 4 meals for every \$1 donated. For additional information on the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, please visit www.foodbankofnea.org. You can also find the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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