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Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas Receives Grant from St. Francis County Community Foundation

Jonesboro, May 14, 2019: The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas announced today that a grant it received from the Arkansas Community Foundation, totaling \$1,000 will be used to benefit their Backpack Program in the Forrest City School District.

The grant made possible through the St. Francis County Community Foundation, an affiliate office of the Arkansas Community Foundation, Inc., will be used to provide child friendly, nutritious food to children at risk of hunger each weekend of the school year.

According to Christie Jordan, CEO of the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, the organization currently serves 1,111 students at 36 school sites in Northeast Arkansas.

“The Food Bank is only able to carry out our mission through the generosity of others,” Jordan said. “We are grateful to the St. Francis County Community Foundation for their support of this important program. The Backpack Program allows us to get food to children who wouldn’t have enough to eat when they are home on weekends during the school-year.”

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.

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