



Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA and Tyson Foods Partner with Feeding America to Give Back to Local Communities

Organizations teamed up to donate 15,000 pounds of food to Northern Illinois Food Bank

Geneva, Ill. (Sept. 28, 2021) – For the fifth year in a row, Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA and Tyson Foods have joined forces to help end hunger across the United States.

The three companies donated **15,000 pounds** of food – **equating to 12,500 meals** – to Northern Illinois Food Bank through a partnership with Feeding America. Food insecurity heightened throughout the pandemic, and Feeding America food banks – like Northern Illinois Food Bank – struggled to keep up with demand.

Representatives from each of the organizations visited Northern Illinois Food Bank today to volunteer, deliver the donation and tour the facility. As part of this partnership, Walmart, Bimbo Bakeries USA and Tyson Foods **donated 5,000 pounds of bread and 10,000 pounds of protein** that will be given to individuals and families over the coming weeks.

“We are so thankful to our corporate partners for this generous donation,” said Chris White, Chief Operating Officer, Northern Illinois Food Bank. “The pandemic has been extra difficult for families, many of whom never thought they’d be in this situation. Donations like this help us keep up with the increased demand brought on by the pandemic and ensure that no one goes hungry.”

Northern Illinois Food Bank brings together manufacturers, local and corporate grocers, area farmers, corporations, foundations, and individuals who donate food and funding, and each week nearly 900 volunteers help evaluate, repack and distribute food. Northern Illinois Food Bank services 13 counties, providing 250,000 meals per day. It is a proud member of Feeding America.

Through its partnerships and individual donations, Feeding America – the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States – provides food to millions of Americans through a network of 200 member food banks and 60,000 partner agencies.

About Bimbo Bakeries USA

Bimbo Bakeries USA (BBU) is a leader in the baking industry, known for its category leading brands, innovative products, freshness and quality. Our team of 20,000 U.S. associates operates more than 50

manufacturing locations in the United States. Over 11,000 distribution routes deliver our leading brands such as Arnold®, Artesano®, Ball Park®, Bimbo®, Boboli®, Brownberry®, Entenmann's®, Little Bites®, Marinela®, Mrs Bairds®, Oroweat®, Sara Lee®, Stroehmann®, and Thomas'®. BBU is owned by Mexico's Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B de C.V., the world's largest baking company with operations in 33 countries.

About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Visit www.feedingamerica.org, find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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 has 114,000 team members. Through its Core Values, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity, create value for its shareholders, customers, communities and team members and serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it. Visit www.tysonfoods.com.

About Northern Illinois Food Bank

Our vision at Northern Illinois Food Bank is for everyone in Northern Illinois to have the food they need to thrive. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and proud member of Feeding America, we serve our neighbors in 13 counties with dignity, equity and convenience, providing 250,000 meals a day. We bring together manufacturers, local and corporate grocers, area farmers, corporations, foundations and individuals who donate food and funding, and each week nearly 900 volunteers help us evaluate, repack and distribute food. We also proudly partner with more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and youth and senior feeding programs to provide nutritious food and resources. Our distribution centers are located in Geneva, Park City, Rockford and Joliet. Find out how you can get help, volunteer, donate or get involved at SolveHungerToday.org.