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Northern Illinois Food Bank Receives Grant from Highland Park Community Foundation

(GENEVA, IL – Jan. 11, 2022) – Northern Illinois Food Bank is pleased to announce it has received a grant from the Highland Park Community Foundation. These funds will be used to support the weekly Mobile Market distributions in Highwood.

The Mobile Market provides access to nutritious food for food-insecure neighbors in need of assistance. Currently this is being operated as a drive-through distribution at the Fort Sheridan Metra station. Neighbors stay in their cars and volunteers load boxes of fresh produce, dairy, meats and non-perishable foods into their trunks. Between 200 and 300 households are served at each distribution.

“The attention to families in need in the Highwood and Highland Park communities has been a focus for the Food Bank for several years, which has only been intensified by the impact of the ongoing pandemic,” said Scott Jewitt, the Food Bank’s Agency Relations Area Leader for Lake County. “We could not provide this important service to families without the collaboration of the local community and the Highland Park Community Foundation has been with us all the way with generous grant funding and volunteer support. We are so grateful.”

The Highland Park Community Foundation annually awards grants through a competitive application and review process. For more information, visit www.hpcfil.org.

For more information about Food Bank initiatives, visit SolveHungerToday.org.

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ABOUT HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

The Highland Park Community Foundation was established in 1992 at the request of the City of Highland Park to build and maintain a permanent endowment fund. As the philanthropic heart of the community, the HPCF improves and enriches people’s lives with annual grants to nonprofits that provide educational, social service, and cultural programs for Highland Park and Highwood.
residents. The Foundation’s avowed purposes are to expand opportunities and address the unmet needs of the community – needs that are not met by governmental or other sources.

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 1,000 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, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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