

Northern Illinois Food Bank's 25th Annual Hunger Scramble Golf Outing Raises Over \$150,000 for Hunger Relief

Proceeds benefit over 900 food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding programs

Geneva, IL (August 30, 2023) - Northern Illinois Food Bank's 25th Annual Northern Illinois Food Bank Hunger Scramble, presented by Old Second National Bank, drew more than 220 golfers and raised over \$150,000 for hunger relief in Northern Illinois. This year, the Food Bank's signature fundraiser was held at a new location, <u>White Eagle Golf Club</u> in Naperville, IL. Participants enjoyed a fun outdoor scramblestyle round of golf with on-course tastings, giveaways, and fun games on a beautiful course.

Golfers experienced Live Scoring via Golf Genius, closest to the pin and longest drive contests using Toptracer. Immediately following the round, golfers enjoyed the 19th Green with lunch served by <u>Hell's</u> <u>BBQ</u> (as featured on Food Network's America's Best Restaurants), open bar, silent auction, and raffle prizes.

Over the past 40 years, Northern Illinois Food Bank has remained focused on solving hunger and empowering neighbors. Proceeds from the highly anticipated golf outing will benefit the Food Bank's network of 900 food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding programs.

"Last year, the Food Bank provided 82 million meals and served an average of 490,000 neighbors each month. With the rising cost of food, inflation, and the decrease in government SNAP and Medicaid benefits, Northern Illinois Food Bank is experiencing more neighbors reaching out for help," said Maeven Sipes, Chief Philanthropy Officer at Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The event was a success thanks to the generous support of golfers, volunteers, partners, and sponsors who came together for a good cause – to help solve hunger in Northern Illinois. Sponsors included Old Second National Bank, Youtech, U.S. Foods, Caterpillar Inc., and many more.

For more information about how to donate, volunteer or get groceries, visit: SolveHungerToday.org.

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About Northern Illinois Food Bank

For the past 40 years, Northern Illinois Food Bank has been dedicated to solving hunger and empowering neighbors. Our vision at <u>Northern Illinois Food Bank</u> is for everyone in Northern Illinois to have the food they need to thrive. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and proud member of <u>Feeding</u> <u>America</u>, 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, Lake Forest, 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.