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Northern Illinois Food Bank Announces 9th Annual A Cup of Hope Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit hunger relief programs for neighbors in 13 Counties throughout Northern Illinois

Geneva, IL (January 23, 2024) - [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#) and its Executive Women's Council will host the [9th Annual A Cup of Hope](#) fundraiser on March 3, 2024, from 1:30 – 4:00 PM at Abbington Distinctive Banquets in Glen Ellyn. This year, the highly anticipated event will be a Parisian-themed tea party, presented by Cultivate Power.

The program will be emceed by Emmy award-winning journalist, Judy Hsu of ABC7 News and feature special guest, Jenny Riddle, in character as Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Riddle will bring to life a behind-the-scenes look at Jackie's relationship with her mother, Janet Bouvier, and sister, Lee Radziwill. Proceeds will benefit Northern Illinois Food Bank's meal programs and resources.

“Attending A Cup of Hope with friends and family is a great way to spend the afternoon. Guests will enjoy delicious food, drinks, a silent auction, raffle prizes, a host gift, and entertainment while learning about the important work the Food Bank is doing,” said Courtney Dutter, Executive Women's Council co-chair and A Cup of Hope 2024 co-chair.

“A Cup of Hope is the Council's largest fundraiser of the year. It allows us to not only financially support the Food Bank but to also showcase the amazing and innovative work they are doing,” said Noel Leatherbury, Executive

Women's Council co-chair. "We would love for members of the community to come out and support A Cup of Hope and the Food Bank - every little bit counts."

Premier event sponsors include Cultivate Power, CITGO, US. Foods, Wintrust Bank, Uline, Antunes, ArentFox Schiff, Nicor Gas, RSM US LLP, and The Borman-Full Family.

"Northern Illinois food Bank is serving an average of 540K neighbors every month. This is an increase of 80K neighbors over last year at this time, nearly double pre-pandemic. Our food is moving faster than it has in the last 6 years, and we are purchasing more food to meet the demand. Ensuring our neighbors have access to the nutritious and healthy food they need to thrive is a community-wide effort and we cannot do it alone," said Julie Yurko, President and CEO at Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Executive Women's Council is made up of a group of 30 women working and living in Northern Illinois dedicated to solving hunger. The Council's mission is to work in partnership with the Food Bank to enhance the child nutrition program, and to support the Food Bank by engaging more women to donate time, food and funds through an annual fundraising event and other initiatives so that everyone in Northern Illinois can have the food they need to thrive.

To learn more or to join the Executive Women's Council, contact Anne Moore at amoore@northernillfoodbank.org. To donate, volunteer or get groceries, visit: SolveHungerToday.org and follow Northern Illinois Food Bank on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/northernillfoodbank).

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ABOUT THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

For over 40 years, Northern Illinois Food Bank has been dedicated to solving hunger and empowering neighbors. 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 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](#).