



## **Northern Illinois Food Bank's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual A Cup of Hope Raises Over \$204,000 for Hunger Relief**

**Geneva, IL (March 31, 2025)** – [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#) and its Executive Women's Council proudly announce the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual A Cup of Hope raised over \$204,000 to support hunger relief initiatives across Northern Illinois. The elegant afternoon tea, presented by Cultivate Power, took place on March 2, 2025, at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm, bringing together nearly 500 guests for an afternoon of philanthropy, inspiration, and community.

The event, emceed by Emmy award-winning ABC 7 news anchor Judy Hsu, included a silent auction and raffle. Attendees also enjoyed a musical performance by the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra's string quartet.

"A Cup of Hope continues to be a powerful demonstration of what happens when our community comes together to fight hunger," said Julie Yurko, President and CEO of Northern Illinois Food Bank. "The generosity of our guests, sponsors, and the Executive Women's Council helps ensure that more families in the communities we serve have access to the nutritious food they need to thrive."

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Executive Women's Council Members Karen Golden, Rachel Oleksiak, and Eileen Rico, donations to A Cup of Hope were matched up to \$20,000.

The Executive Women's Council is a dynamic group of women dedicated to working in partnership with the Food Bank by organizing this annual event, mobilizing resources, and raising awareness so that everyone in Northern Illinois has the food and resources they need to thrive.

To learn more or to join the Executive Women's Council, contact Anne Moore at [amoore@northernifoodbank.org](mailto:amoore@northernifoodbank.org). To volunteer, donate, or get groceries, visit [SolveHungerToday.org](https://SolveHungerToday.org).

## **About 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 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.