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**Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin provides food to help Sherman Park community**

**Milwaukee (August 24, 2016)** – In an effort to reach out to the Sherman Park community and help promote healing, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin provided free food to residents of the Sherman Park neighborhood on **Tuesday, August 23** through a mobile pantry at the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club.

An estimated 10,000 pounds of food, including fresh produce, meat and dairy products were distributed to about 300 families. The food will provide more than 8,300 meals to families facing hunger.

Feeding America partnered with the Boys & Girls club to host the mobile pantry earlier than planned in light of the neighborhood's recent stress.

"We all have a part to play in finding solutions and helping our community heal," said Charles McLimans, president and CEO of Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. "Good nutrition is not only critical for a healthy lifestyle and academic success for our young people, but studies also show direct links to behavioral patterns."

McLimans pointed to a [recent study](#) in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (March 2016) that showed children who face hunger regularly have a greater risk of engaging in violence as adolescents and adults.

"Providing healthy, nutritious food is one part of the equation," McLimans said. "We are also working with our many partners throughout the community to develop innovative programs to address the root causes of hunger and strengthen the pillars of household stability – food, health, housing and employment."

The mobile pantry is open to all residents of the Sherman Park community on a first-come, first served basis. Families will receive product based on family size.

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***About Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin***

*Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is the largest, private, nonprofit hunger relief organization in the state. Founded in 1982 by the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is a local and independent member of the Feeding America network. As the leading provider of private hunger relief in the state, Feeding America collaborates with 572 partner hunger relief organizations, including food pantries, meal programs, shelters, and community-based mobile pantries to provide 18.3 million meals annually to 377,000 people across 36 counties in Eastern Wisconsin. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin also supports programs that improve food security for people in need, advocates on their behalf, and works collaboratively to solve hunger.*

***Together we can solve hunger.***

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