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ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK ASKS REGION TO TAKE ACTION TO END HUNGER

Feeding America® Network Food Banks across the Country Promote Hunger Action Month™

[ST. LOUIS] – [August 31, 2018] – This September, the St. Louis Area Foodbank together with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks, will mobilize across all 50 states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 41 million Americans, including nearly 13 million children, are food insecure, according to the USDA.

In the 26 counties served by the St. Louis Area Foodbank, more than 454,000 people struggle with hunger and may not know where they'll find their next meal. That number includes one in six kids who may not have enough to eat.

This year, the Foodbank is launching the **#HungryForChange** campaign to get the bi-state region involved in solutions to hunger. There are many ways to participate in the campaign.

Throughout the month of September, local restaurants are creating or designating a special pizza on their menu for the Foodbank's *Slice Out Hunger* campaign. When the pizzas are ordered, a portion of the sales goes to the Foodbank to help support efforts to provide nutritious meals to hungry children, families and seniors.

Hunger Action Day®, the second Thursday in September (9/13), is a day where the public is encouraged to wear orange, the awareness color for hunger. Pictures should be posted on social media with the #HungryForChange hashtag and the Foodbank (@stlfoodbank) tagged.

Other activities include:

- **9/13** – Day of Service at the Foodbank (70 Corporate Woods Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044) from 9 a.m. to 12noon. Special volunteer opportunity for state and community leaders, legislators, and Foodbank board members (*not open to the public*).
- **9/19** – East St. Louis Community Block Party (350 Riverpark Drive, East St. Louis, IL 62201). Resource event for individuals in need of assistance with SNAP (aka Food Stamps), health care, dental, etc.
- **9/22** – Rivalry food drive at MICDS vs. John Burroughs High School football game. This game is held at John Burroughs (755 S Price Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124). Attendees are encouraged to bring food and financial donations in an effort to see which school can raise the most donations for the Foodbank.
- **9/25** – Giveback Tuesday at Katie's Pizza and Pasta Osteria (9568 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63119). 100% of the earned profits from the entire day are donated to the Foodbank.
- **9/25** – National Voter Registration Day

To learn more about St. Louis Area Foodbank and other ways you can get involved for Hunger Action Month locally, please visit STLFoodbank.org/HAM or HungerActionMonth.org.

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About the St. Louis Area Foodbank:

The St. Louis Area Foodbank began its service to the community in 1975. Since that time, the organization has grown to become the bi-state region's largest nonprofit 501c3 food distribution center dedicated to feeding those in need. Through a network of more than 500 partner agencies in 26 counties in Missouri and Illinois, the Foodbank distributes over 43 million pounds of food and personal care items annually. More than 392,000 people in the bi-state region rely on the Foodbank for assistance each year. For more information on the organization and the issue of hunger, please visit www.STLFoodbank.org.

About Feeding America®

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.