



Eastern Illinois  
**Foodbank**

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### **Caterpillar Foundation Investment in Eastern Illinois Foodbank Will Fight Hunger for More than 45,000 People in Livingston County**

URBANA, Illinois – Eastern Illinois Foodbank announced a \$20,500 grant from the Caterpillar Foundation to provide food to more than 45,000 people who face hunger in Livingston County, Illinois. A member of the Feeding America network, EIF is one of 30 food banks selected to receive this grant.

"Eastern Illinois Foodbank is thankful to the Caterpillar Foundation for its commitment to fighting hunger and supporting families in need in our area," said Jim Hires, President and CEO of the Foodbank. "Because of this grant, we will be able to better serve families and children in need."

More than 155,000 people in east central Illinois face hunger; roughly 1/3 of them are children. These funds will offset the cost of food for the nine agencies serving these families in Livingston County, providing pantry staples for at least six months.

"The Caterpillar Foundation is committed to supporting programs that alleviate poverty. We are proud to partner with Eastern Illinois Foodbank to support our neighbors who struggle with hunger," said Michele Sullivan, President of the Caterpillar Foundation.

This grant is one of many given to Feeding America and its member food banks as part of a national investment to help alleviate hunger across the country, including in 38 counties where Caterpillar employees live and work. This donation will help provide [Insert Number] meals to local children and families in need.

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#### **About Eastern Illinois Foodbank**

*Eastern Illinois Foodbank works to alleviate hunger in eastern Illinois through cooperation with a network of food pantries, agencies and other programs. The Foodbank distributes donated and discounted food throughout a 17-county service area in cooperation with over 200 member agencies and programs. Through these agencies, the Foodbank provides meals to more than 116,000 men, women and children each year. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, Feeding Illinois, the United Way of Coles County, and the United Way of Champaign County. For more information, visit [eifoodbank.org](http://eifoodbank.org).*

#### **About the Caterpillar Foundation**

*Founded in 1952, Caterpillar's philanthropic organization, the Caterpillar Foundation has contributed more than \$685 million to help make sustainable progress possible around the world by providing program support in the areas of environmental sustainability, access to education and basic human needs. To learn more about the global impact of the Caterpillar Foundation, please visit [www.togetherstronger.com](http://www.togetherstronger.com).*