

NEWS BRIEF



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GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FROM THE ALEX STERN FAMILY FOUNDATION TO ADDRESS HUNGER IN CASS-CLAY COMMUNITY

FARGO, ND – (October 31, 2011) The Great Plains Food Bank, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Alex Stern Family Foundation. This grant will support the Cass Clay Backpack Program which addresses childhood hunger, and the Daily Bread program which recovers surplus perishable food. Both program efforts serve those living with, or at immediate risk of hunger in the Cass-Clay community.

The Cass Clay Backpack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as on weekends and school vacations. Support received from the Alex Stern Family Foundation will provide 350 backpacks to children in need this school year. Each backpack is filled with child-friendly, nonperishable and easily consumed food for four meals plus snacks.

Daily Bread, a perishable food recovery program, rescues surplus prepared meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat, bakery and deli items from grocery stores, restaurants, hospitals, colleges, bakeries and retailers and distributes it to shelters, soup kitchens, and food pantries serving the hungry and homeless. Support received from the Alex Stern Family Foundation will provide 35,000 meals to individuals in need through this hunger-relief effort.

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About Great Plains Food Bank: *The Great Plains Food Bank strives for a hunger-free North Dakota and western Minnesota by recovering and distributing surplus food and grocery product, engaging in community partnerships, and advocating for social change. Each year the Great Plains Food Bank, through a statewide network of 273 charitable feeding programs in 98 communities, provides food to more than 66,000 low-income people facing hunger – nearly 40% being children and 13% seniors. In 2010, as the state’s largest hunger-relief provider, the Great Plains Food Bank distributed a record 7.4 million pounds of food, valued at \$11.9 million. The [Great Plains Food Bank](#) is a program of [Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota](#) and member of Feeding America. Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota is a nonprofit social services agency serving one in nine North Dakotans annually from offices in five cities with 19 programs that strengthen individuals, families and communities.*