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Great Plains Food Bank Sends First Truckload of Supplies to Minot to Support Those Affected by Flooding

Fargo, ND – *June 27, 2011* – The Great Plains Food Bank, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, is sending the first of many semi-loads of supplies to the Minot region this afternoon, lending support to those affected by recent flooding. Items on the truck include food and personal care items destined for the Red Cross, Salvation Army and River of Life church – all of which are operating shelters and hot meals for evacuees.

The Great Plains Food Bank is serving as the central collection point for people interested in donating items to help citizens of Minot and the surrounding region that have been affected by recent flooding. These products will be used by the Great Plains Food Bank on three flood - related fronts, providing assistance to those in need seeking help at shelters and through mobile feeding units, during clean-up efforts, and at food pantries and other charitable feeding programs that are expected to see increased demand due to the financial hardships experienced because of record breaking flood waters.

The Great Plains Food Bank estimates that 15 or more semi-loads will be distributed to the Minot region, made possible through donations from Feeding America - the nation's food bank network, other food banks in the region, food industry donors, and items collected from the community.

Once the immediate needs faced by citizens of the Minot region are met, the Great Plains Food Bank will work with Lutheran Disaster Response, another program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, to secure and distribute the supplies necessary in the clean-up effort.

Assorted non-perishable food items, personal care and cleaning supplies will be collected at the six Hornbacher's locations, all four Sunmart locations, both Cash Wise Foods locations and the three Walmart locations. Collection barrels will be available, and clearly marked at the front entrances through July.

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About the 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. In 2010, the Great Plains Food Bank distributed a record 7.5 million pounds of food, valued at nearly \$12 million, touching the lives of more than 66,000 individuals – nearly 40% being children. As the state's largest hunger-relief provider, their partner network includes 270 charitable feeding programs operating in 100 communities. The [Great Plains Food Bank](#) is a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, a nonprofit social service agency serving one in nine North Dakotans annually from offices in five cities with 19 programs that strengthen individuals, families and communities; and a member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network.