

News Release

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Great Plains Food Bank now accepting nominations for Agency of the Year

Fargo, ND – *January 5, 2012* – The Great Plains Food Bank, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota is pleased to announce the open nomination process for the “Agency of the Year” award.

The Great Plains Food Bank works with a network of 275 nonprofit charitable feeding programs across North Dakota and western Minnesota, dedicated to hunger relief, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. This spring one of them will be presented the “Agency of the Year” award

Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Nomination forms and more details can be found at www.lssnd.org/GreatPlainsFoodBank. The nominator will answer 5 simple questions including; contact information for the nominee, why they believe the agency should win, what difference the agency makes in their community and the scope of their hunger relief activities, and the nominator’s relationship to the agency.

In addition, each nomination form must be accompanied by at least two letters of recommendation. While agencies are not allowed to nominate themselves, they can be nominated by community members, volunteers and/or their clients.

Nomination forms can be submitted via mail, email or fax to the following:

Mail: Great Plains Food Bank
Agency of the Year Nomination
1720 3rd Ave N
Fargo, ND 58102

Fax: 701-232-3871

Email: greatplainsfoodbank@lssnd.org (reference Agency of the Year in the subject line)

Nomination packets will be reviewed by a panel of Great Plains Food Bank staff and statewide hunger advocates. The winner will be announced at the Great Plains Food Bank Partner Appreciation event scheduled for this spring.

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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 over \$12 million, touching the lives of more than 67,000 individuals – nearly 40% being children. As the state’s largest hunger-relief provider, our partner network includes 275 charitable feeding programs operating in 98 communities. The [Great Plains Food Bank](http://www.greatplainsfoodbank.org) is a program [of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota](http://www.lssnd.org), 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.