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### **Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas Receives Grant from St. Francis County Community Foundation**

**Jonesboro, August 18, 2020:** The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas announced today that a grant it received from the Arkansas Community Foundation, totaling \$1,000, will be used to benefit their Backpack Program in the Forrest City School District.

The grant made possible through the St. Francis County Community Foundation, an affiliate office of the Arkansas Community Foundation, Inc., will be used to provide child friendly, nutritious food to children at risk of hunger.

According to Christie Jordan, CEO of the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, the organization currently serves 1,224 students in 14 school districts in Northeast Arkansas.

“The Food Bank is only able to carry out our mission through the generosity of others. We are grateful to the St. Francis County Community Foundation for their support of this important program,” Jordan said. “The Backpack Program allows us to get food to children who wouldn’t have enough to eat when they are home. Even when schools were closed due to COVID-19, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas worked with our Backpack schools to make food boxes available.”

The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas provides hunger relief to people in need by raising awareness, securing resources, and distributing food through a network of non-profit agencies and programs. The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas provides the equivalent of 119,000 meals each week to people facing hunger. The Food Bank works in partnership with 140 non-profit partner agencies and programs in 12 counties in Northeast Arkansas. These counties include: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis, and Woodruff. Additionally, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas is a member of Feeding America, a national network of food banks. Through our many partnerships, every \$1 donated can help provide 4 meals. For additional information, please visit our website [www.foodbankofnea.org](http://www.foodbankofnea.org). You can also find the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas on Facebook @FoodBankofNEA, Twitter @foodbankofnea, and Instagram @foodbankofnea.

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