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**Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas Receives \$8,000 Grant from Bayer Fund
for Fresh Produce Distribution**

Jonesboro, June 18, 2020: The Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas announced today it received a grant for \$8,000 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to provide nutritious fruits and vegetables to families at risk of hunger.

“Living in an agricultural state, many of us take for granted the access we have to fresh produce,” said Christie Jordan, CEO for the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas. “Hearing the excitement and gratitude from the recipients of the fresh produce is a reminder that many of our neighbors can't always afford to choose healthy fruits and vegetables as part of their regular diet.”

According to Jordan, Bayer Fund supported the Food Bank’s fresh produce program in 2019 and the recent grant will enable the Food Bank to continue providing fresh fruits and vegetables for families at risk of hunger.

“Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States,” said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. “We’re proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease.”

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$14 million to over 3,200 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$79 million.

To learn more about Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas visit www.foodbankofnea.org.

To learn more about Bayer Fund visit <https://www.fund.bayer.us>.

About Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas

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. You can also find the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas on Facebook @FoodBankofNEA, Twitter @foodbankofnea, and Instagram @foodbankofnea.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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