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HUNGER ALLIANCE AWARDS CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

LITTLE ROCK, AR (February 22, 2016)– Each year the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance awards grant dollars to member food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other hunger relief agencies to help increase their program capacity. This year the Alliance awarded $188,827 in grants to 111 member agencies across Arkansas. See the complete list of this year's recipients here. (Pictured below, from the left: Lynn Phillips, Dewey Sims-operator of Fishnet Mission in Jacksonville, Kathy Webb, Judy Thompson and Caitlin McNally.)

For some agencies the grant requests were for purchasing ovens, freezers, refrigerators or other food preparation and storage equipment; for other members additional shelving, thermal bags, hydraulic lifts or food transport assistance were needed to meet the increasing demand for emergency food assistance in their local communities. Although the economy is improving, Arkansas's food banks, pantries and other food assistance organizations are still seeing growing need and under-employment in the populations they serve.

Not only do Alliance Capacity Building Grants help thoseorganizations on the front lines of charitable food assistance, but those dollars also provide a boost to the communities in which they are spent, providing added economic stimulus right here in Arkansas.

The Alliance is grateful to our members for their dedication to the cause of feeding the hungry of our state. We salute them.

Interested in becoming a member of the Alliance? Go to http://www.arhungeralliance.org/about/join/ for details.

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About The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, lead partner in Arkansas for the No Kid Hungry campaign, is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 480 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas. Our founding members include the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfork, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith. The Alliance is dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs, donor and volunteer opportunities.