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Feeding South Dakota Plans for 6,000 Thanksgiving Meals

Sands Family Offers Matching Gift to Support the Holiday Meal Giveaway

Sioux Falls, South Dakota (11/1/2022) – Feeding South Dakota, the state’s largest hunger-relief organization, will provide food for Thanksgiving Meal giveaways across the state for the 12th year in a row.

“Record-high prices have impacted so many families in South Dakota,” CEO Lori Dykstra shared. “We want to do everything possible to make sure that these families can make memories around a holiday meal.”

The organization is planning to distribute supplies for 6,000 meals across the state, an increase of 1,000 meals over last year’s giveaway. In Sioux Falls and Rapid City 1,500 meals will be distributed; and Pierre Area Referral Services (PARS) will distribute 350 turkey breasts to Pierre and Fort Pierre families. The remainder of the meal items have been made available to Feeding South Dakota’s Agency Partners to host a Thanksgiving Meal giveaway in their community.

Greg and Pam Sands, of Sands Drywall Systems, are providing a dollar-for-dollar matching gift of \$25,000 in support of the holiday meals. Pam Sands shared, “We are grateful to be a small part of Feeding South Dakota! They are a great organization helping a great number of people.”

With this gift, every \$25 donation made to Feeding South Dakota from November 1-24 will provide two families with turkey and ingredients to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal in their own home.

Feeding South Dakota's drive-through Thanksgiving Meal Giveaways in Sioux Falls and Rapid City will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 8am until 10am, or until all meals have been distributed. Each family will receive one meal with a limit of two families served per vehicle. No pre-registration or sign up is needed.

- Sioux Falls: W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds (enter from Madison St.)
- Rapid City: Central States Fairgrounds (enter from San Francisco St.)

To receive a turkey breast or gift card from PARS, an [application](#) must be submitted by November 4. Distribution in Pierre will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 9am until noon.

To donate to the match campaign or to find out more information about Feeding South Dakota's Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway visit feedingsouthdakota.org or call 605.335.0364.

About Feeding South Dakota

Feeding South Dakota, a member of Feeding America, serves all 66 counties in South Dakota and distributed 12.9 million pounds of food in its 2022 Fiscal Year. The Feeding South Dakota network of volunteers, local and corporate grocers, area farmers, corporations, foundations, and individual donors support Feeding South Dakota's 250 agencies, 82 school partners, and 120 mobile food distributions who work together to fulfill the mission of ending hunger in South Dakota.

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