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Senator Kurt Schaefer Coordinates Large Donation to Central Missouri Food Bank

Seven Tons of Frozen Pork Donated by Farmland Foods

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – In legislative terms, pork is not always a good thing. However, Farmland Foods recently donated approximately seven tons of frozen pork to the Central Missouri Food Bank to feed needy Missourians in central Missouri.

The large donation was made through a cooperative effort by Sen. Kurt Schaefer and Farmland Foods, and will become a main course in approximately 48,000 meals distributed through the various non-profit hunger relief agencies in Central Missouri.

“This is pork without the earmarks,” Sen. Schaefer said. “A donation of this size will help provide healthy meals for Missouri families and individuals who need it most.”

Farmland Foods is a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods, a global food company with a vision for community outreach involvement to support local and national food banks, school nutrition programs and disaster relief.

According to Peggy Kirkpatrick, the director of the food bank, there are more than 100,000 people living at or below the poverty level in central Missouri, of which half are children. Many food bank patrons are elderly, living on a fixed income, and often must choose between purchasing their medications or food, but cannot afford both.

In addition to the sizeable food donation, Farmland Foods is sponsoring a nutrition/healthy eating program at Hickman and Douglas schools featuring “Chef Jeff” Henderson from the Food Network.

“Learning to make healthier food choices when we are young helps us grow into healthier adults,” Sen. Schaefer said, “Our kids need every opportunity to live healthier, longer lives.”

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