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## **Central Missouri Food Bank Receives \$25,000 Tax Credit**

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO – The Department of Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) has recently approved \$25,000 in tax credits for the Central Missouri Food Bank.

The food bank distributes about 24 million pounds of food per year to people in need across a 32-county service area, utilizing these funds and the contributions of others. Priority will be given to unemployed/underemployed persons, as well as needy school-age children with the Buddy Pack program.

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. The food bank provides 20 pounds of food for every donated dollar.

"We are very pleased to learn of this development," Sen. Schaefer said, "This will go a long way towards feeding our neediest citizens over the course of the summer."

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