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ConAgra Foods Celebrates Hispanic Heritage by Feeding Hungry

(Aurora, IL) Employees from ConAgra Foods lightened what was otherwise a rainy afternoon this past Thursday. Almost 20 of the company’s employees came out despite the weather and handed thousands of pounds of ConAgra Foods products to over 225 families in need at Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel. The food was donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) and transported on NIFB’s Mobile Food Pantry. This charitable act was all done in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month which ends on October 15th.

“ConAgra Foods believes that community outreach is a vital part of being an employer of choice and having a positive impact on the communities close to our workplace, said David Palfenier, president, ConAgra Foods.” As a food company, hunger awareness is one of our paramount concerns. We’re committed to putting action behind the company’s commitment to fighting hunger by taking a leadership role here in our local community.”

Meat, fresh produce and other staples, including popular ConAgra Foods brands like Chef Boyardee, Hunt’s diced tomatoes, Hebrew National beef franks, Peter Pan Peanut Butter and much more were distributed. In total almost 10,000 pounds of food was distributed to the families who made it out. “Aurora is one example of a high need area that we serve, in fact, we have 25 partner agencies in this town and we’re thrilled to get the support of ConAgra Foods in feeding so many people” says NIFB Executive Director, H. Dennis Smith.

ConAgra Foods has had a long-standing relationship with the NIFB and has made many contributions over the years including, donating over 20 million pounds of food since 2000, donating equipment, and grant funding of more than \$15,000.

About Northern Illinois Food Bank:

Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) is a non-profit organization that provides food to all those in need through its 520 partner agencies in the following 13 counties - Boone, DuPage, DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will and Winnebago. NIFB acquires, gathers, handles, and distributes donated, government, and purchased food to more than 50,000 different people each week through local food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, youth activity centers and other food assistance sites. In Fiscal Year 2009 NIFB distributed over 27 million pounds of food. The Food Bank has recently launched a Capital Campaign to build a new Food Distribution and Community Nutrition Center to enable them to handle more food more efficiently to meet the increasing demand.
