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## **Spaghetti Dinner Helps Feed More Than Attendees**

**(St. Charles IL)** The Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) is pleased to announce a generous donation of nearly \$1,200 by the Elgin Township Republicans. The money was raised during a fundraising dinner at the American Legion in Elgin this past October. A spaghetti dinner became much more when roughly 200 people attended to help feed hungry neighbors, by strengthening their community. Their efforts will support NIFB's aggressive plans to meet exploding hunger in northern Illinois. In Kane County, working with 83 agency and program sites, NIFB distributed 2.6 million pounds of food to hungry neighbors last year.

“Every day you read about the need, and you think about the unemployment and homes in foreclosure. There is just so much need and we thought this was a good way to help our neighbors,” says Mike Kenyon, a South Elgin resident and Chairman of the Elgin Township Republicans. “Our members want to give back to the community in a meaningful way,” Kenyon continued.

The \$1,200 donation will be increased with a \$600 match through the Falex Corporation to support NIFB's capital campaign for a new Food Distribution and Community Nutrition Center. In the new facility, NIFB will have the capacity to handle and distribute up to 5 million pounds of food each month, which translates to 60 million pounds of nutritious food each year. To learn more about the Falex Match which provides \$1 for every \$2 donated, contact Northern Illinois Food Bank.

“The generosity of civic-minded groups like the Elgin Township Republicans ensures that the Food Bank will be able to continue providing much needed nutrition to the swelling lines of those requiring food assistance. Although we have ramped up our efforts to get more food to more people, we can not do it with out the help of our community partners,” says NIFB C.E.O. and President, H. Dennis Smith.

### **About Northern Illinois Food Bank**

Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) is an Illinois non-for-profit organization that provides food to all those in need through its 520 partner agencies in the following thirteen 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 61,600 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 and is on pace to distribute 35-plus million pounds this year. 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.

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