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**Community West Foundation and The Cleveland Foodbank
Challenge the Community to join in the fight against hunger**

CLEVELAND – The Community West Foundation Board of Directors has approved a \$100,000 Summer Leadership Challenge Grant to the Cleveland Foodbank to help feed the hungry right here in our community.

The Cleveland Foodbank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio. Last year the agency distributed more than 32 million pounds of food to over 600 hunger relief agencies. The Foodbank's distribution has grown by more than 50% in the last two years, and they predict even higher levels of need ahead.

“The \$100,000 challenge grant from the Community West Foundation is the largest challenge grant in the Cleveland Foodbank's history,” said Anne Campbell Goodman, Cleveland Foodbank President and CEO. “The Foodbank has already matched the gift, thanks to the generous and immediate response from our Board, major donors and friends. Now the challenge is to double the funds to turn this commitment into \$400,000.”

Many people don't realize that 1 in 8 people in our region are using hunger centers and 1 in 5 precious children in our area are hungry. These statistics are startling and that's why the Community West Foundation has stepped up to help the Cleveland Foodbank in an effort to feed our community's hungry children, seniors, and families.

"The Community West Foundation is responsive to the needs of non profit organizations and our funding will continue to help shelter the homeless, heal the sick, and feed the hungry," said David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation. By approving the Cleveland Foodbank matching gift, our actions signal a faith in the future for those who are hungry, hurting, and suffering."

The grant challenge runs from mid-June until the end of September, a period in which the Foodbank will raise awareness about the huge need for support for the hungry, especially children, many of whom are hungry during the summer months, as they depend on a major part of their food from school meals.

About the Community West Foundation

The mission of Community West Foundation is to advance the health and well being of our community. Raising, managing and distributing funds for a wide range of programs across

western Greater Cleveland, Community West Foundation plays a vital role in health and wellness solutions.

Help feed hungry people by making a cost effective, tax deductible donation directly to the Cleveland Foodbank. Visit theclevelandfoodbank.org or call 216.738.2265 to make your donation today.

Contact the Community West Foundation office at 216.476.7060 for information about giving options and opportunities.

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