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More than \$81,000 raised with Channel One's Empty Bowls To-Go fundraiser

ROCHESTER, Minn.—The 19th annual Empty Bowls To-Go fundraiser presented by Channel One Regional Food Bank and [Think Bank](#) October 10-11 raised \$81,400 to support Channel One's mission to strengthen food access and build healthy communities.

"We are so thankful for the community—sponsors, restaurants, and individuals—for supporting this impactful event," said Virginia Witherspoon Merritt, Channel One Regional Food Bank executive director. "These funds will allow Channel One to help support more than 26,700 monthly household visits to community food shelves in our region when inflation and need are at all-time highs."

The funds raised from this year's two-day event will directly benefit those who are experiencing food insecurity across 14 counties in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. As the largest hunger relief organization in the region, Channel One and its partner food shelves, pantries and programs provides food assistance to working families, seniors, and people in times of crisis because of job loss, medical problems, or personal disaster.

To learn more about Channel One Regional Food Bank and its programs, visit helpingfeedpeople.org.

About Channel One Regional Food Bank

Channel One Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, strengthens food access and builds healthy communities. Channel One operates food programs to serve local and area needs such as: a food bank, a food shelf, mobile pantries, Childhood Hunger Programs, Kitchen Coalition and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Channel One Regional Food Bank mobilizes organizations, volunteers, and donors to serve the network of over 160 nonprofit programs that provide food for children, adults, and families in need. Channel One serves 14 counties across southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. For more information, call 507.287.2350 or visit helpingfeedpeople.org.

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