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## **400 MISSOULA FAMILIES RECEIVE HELP FROM FEED THE CHILDREN CARAVAN**

*Caravan to Supply Food and Essentials to Those Affected by the Economic Downturn*

**MISSOULA, Mont. (Aug. 4, 2010)** – Feed The Children will bring a semi tractor-trailer full of food and essentials to Missoula on Wednesday, August 11. The boxes will be distributed to families at 9 a.m. at Rosauers Supermarket (2350 South Reserve Street).

The distribution is the latest stop on Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan, which has helped more than 125,000 families across the country in cities that have been affected by the nation's economic downturn. Feed The Children plans to help at least 200,000 families with the caravan by the end of 2010.

Feed The Children partner agency, Montana Food Bank Network, has identified the recipient families and will be on hand to help distribute the boxes. Each family will receive a 25-pound box of food, a 10-pound box of personal care items and a box of Avon products in addition to other food items provided directly from the Montana Food Bank Network. The boxes are designed to help a family for up to one week.

### **One in five Missoula children is considered impoverished. 42,081 Montana children live under the poverty line—nearly double the capacity of Washington-Grizzly Stadium**

"Many of the recipients on our Americans Feeding Americans Caravan were considered middle class before the economic downturn and are now struggling," said Tony Sellars, spokesperson for Feed The Children. "We appreciate Montana Food Bank Network for helping to make this Missoula distribution possible for families in need of a hand up."

To see the impact of Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan in your area visit [www.AmericansFeedingAmericans.org](http://www.AmericansFeedingAmericans.org) .

#### **About Feed The Children**

Founded in 1979, Feed The Children is consistently ranked as one of the 10 largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2009, Feed The Children distributed more than 112 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally. Since its founding, the organization has reached out to help those in need in 119 countries around the globe. For more information, please visit [www.feedthechildren.org](http://www.feedthechildren.org) .

#### **The Montana Food Bank Network**

Located at 5625 Expressway in Missoula, secures and distributes nearly 7.5 million pounds of donated and low cost food and grocery products annually to almost 200 hunger relief agencies throughout Montana. The MFBN works to meet the immediate need for food while advocating at the local, state, and national level for policy changes to help eliminate hunger and food insecurity in Montana. The Montana Food Bank Network is a member of Feeding America. For more on the Montana Food Bank Network, please visit [www.mfbn.org](http://www.mfbn.org).

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