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FEED THE CHILDREN CARAVAN DELIVERS HELP TO 800 ERIE FAMILIES

Community Shelter Services Partners to Bring Food and Essentials to Families in Need

ERIE, Pa. (Aug. 17, 2010) – Feed The Children will bring two semi tractor-trailers full of food and essentials to Erie families on Wednesday, August 25. The boxes will be distributed to families at 1 p.m. at Community Shelter Services (655 W. 16th Street).

The distribution is the latest stop on Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan, which has helped more than 130,000 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, Community Shelter Services, 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. The boxes are designed to help a family for up to one week.

More than one in three children living in Erie is considered impoverished (39.2%)—over 20 percent higher than the national average.

"We are so grateful for Community Shelter Services for partnering with Feed The Children to help serve the community," said Feed The Children Spokesperson Tony Sellars. "Erie is experiencing difficult times during this economic downturn and we hope this distribution will help to give families a hand up."

To see the impact of Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan in your area visit

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 111 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 .

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