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FEED THE CHILDREN CARAVAN TO HELP 400 PEORIA AREA FAMILIES

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

PEORIA, III. (Aug. 11, 2010) – Feed The Children will bring a semi tractor-trailer full of food and essentials to the Peoria area on Wednesday, August 18 to the George Washington Carver Center. The boxes will be distributed to families at a later date.

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, Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, has identified the recipient families. 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.

Related children under 5 years of age living in poverty in Peoria make up 32.2 percent of all children living in the city.

"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 Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity for helping to make this Peoria 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 .

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 .

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