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## **FEED THE CHILDREN CARAVAN TO HELP 800 TOLEDO FAMILIES**

*Hirzel Canning Company of Toledo to Give Cases of Dei Fratelli Spaghetti Sauce*

**TOLEDO, Ohio (July 14, 2010)** – Feed The Children will bring two semi tractor-trailers full of food and essentials to help 800 Toledo-area families on Wednesday, July 28. The boxes will be distributed to families at 10 a.m. at The Erie Street Market (237 South Erie Street).

The distribution is the latest stop on Feed The Children's Americans Feeding Americans Caravan, which has helped more than 115,000 families across the country in cities that have been affected by the nation's economic downturn. An additional 100,000 families across the nation are targeted to receive assistance by the end of this year.

**One in three Toledo children is considered impoverished. The number of impoverished children in Lucas County (26,465) could fill the Glass Bowl Stadium.**

Feed The Children partner agency, The Salvation Army, has identified the recipient families and will 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.

Hirzel Canning Company and Farms, a local manufacturer of Dei Fratelli Tomato products and Silver Fleece Sauerkraut, will donate a case of spaghetti sauce to each family at the distribution.

"The Americans Feeding Americans project is geared toward families who are suffering during this economic downturn," said Tony Sellars, spokesperson for Feed The Children. "A lot of these people for the first time in their lives have not been able to provide for their families. We appreciate The Salvation Army and Hirzel Canning Company for the teamwork that helped make this distribution in Toledo possible."

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 2008, Feed The Children distributed more than 133 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally, supplementing more than 760,000 meals each day. 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)

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