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PRESS RELEASE

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield sponsors food distribution and donates \$25,000 to West Ohio Food Bank

LIMA, OH (July 8, 2021) – A donation of \$25,000 was made to the West Ohio Food Bank on Thursday by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This donation was part of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield expanding their fight against food insecurity, as they donated a total of \$295,000 to support food banks and other Ohio food relief organizations.

Representatives from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the West Ohio Food Bank, and other volunteers also took part in a monthly food distribution at the Food Bank from 11am-1pm. It was the first major food distribution for West Ohio Food Bank since the Ohio National Guard's mission ended officially on July 2nd.

“We can't thank the National Guard enough,” said West Ohio Food Bank CEO Tommie Harner. “But we know our mission of ending hunger together must go on, and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has really stepped up to assist not only us, but 5 other food banks in Ohio as well.”

West Ohio Food Bank is the largest food distributor in West Central Ohio and relies on donations from individuals and businesses in order to assist churches, pantries, and many other agencies to feed those less fortunate in its 11-county service area.

About West Ohio Food Bank:

West Ohio Food Bank is the largest food distribution system in West Ohio coordinating, collecting, warehousing and distributing food. The process of getting food to individuals in need requires a dynamic infrastructure and sophisticated management. West Ohio Food Bank secures donations from national food and grocery manufacturers, retailers, shippers, packers and growers and from government agencies, individuals and other organizations. They in turn distribute food and grocery items, ensuring the safe storage and reliable distribution of goods to local food pantries and meal programs that served over 5 million meals to children, families, seniors and other groups at risk of hunger. For more information visit us at www.westohiofoodbank.org, find us on Facebook.com/Westohio Food Bank or follow us on twitter.com/WestOhioFB.

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