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Feeding Wisconsin Receives Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Planning Grant to Explore Expanding Statewide Capacity

MADISON, WI – August 28, 2015: Feeding Wisconsin received a \$49,370 grant award from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to evaluate and explore the feasibility for an AmeriCorps program that will engage AmeriCorps members to help families with low-incomes living throughout the state access to the nutritious food they need to fuel their lives. The grant will be administered through Serve Wisconsin, the state service commission.

Feeding Wisconsin will partner with Dr. Lori L. Bakken, Associate Professor and Evaluation Specialist at the University of Wisconsin Madison's School of Human Ecology, who will perform the evaluation and feasibility study.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work with Dr. Bakken to evaluate how our network can be best leveraged for a successful statewide AmeriCorps program," said David Lee, Feeding Wisconsin Executive Director. "We hope that at the end of this process we will have a systems-based framework for how an army of local hunger-fighters can get involved through an AmeriCorps supported service program at Feeding Wisconsin."

Food insecurity affects one in eight people living in Wisconsin, including over 270,000 children. While some areas of the state have a reasonable access to emergency food services, other areas of the state, including many of the state's rural areas, lack adequate coverage. This evaluation project aims to develop a better understanding the gaps in the emergency food system are and where AmeriCorps members could be best utilized to address local needs. The grant period starts September 1st and will continue into 2016.

For more information about the Corporation for National and Community Service and AmeriCorps, visit www.NationalService.gov and to learn more about Serve Wisconsin, please visit www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/Home

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Feeding Wisconsin is the statewide association of the six Feeding America food banks that provide food to all seventy-two counties of Wisconsin. Its mission is to coordinate, support and enhance the work of its members by securing food and funds, raising public awareness and creating the partnerships necessary to end hunger. More than 573,000 people in Wisconsin rely on food from our member food banks for nearly 40 million meals. Together, we are striving forward toward a hunger free Wisconsin. Visit www.FeedingWI.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Pinterest](#).