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Food Bank of Iowa receives \$15,000 grant from Prairie Meadows

DES MOINES, IA – February 22, 2010 – The [Food Bank of Iowa](http://www.foodbankiowa.org) is a recipient of a \$15,000 grant through the [Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino 2010 Community Better Grant Program](#). Funds from this grant will directly impact the Food Bank of Iowa's [Backpack Buddies program](#).

The Backpack Buddies program provides over 1,000 elementary-aged children with child friendly, easy-to-prepare nonperishable food items on weekends and during school breaks when they do not have access to the federal free and reduced price meal program.

"We are very pleased to receive this donation once again from Prairie Meadows," says Carey Miller, Executive Director for the Food Bank of Iowa. "As the need for food assistance continues to increase, these funds will help ensure that children in need will be able to participate in the Backpack Buddies program."

The Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Program seeks to benefit as many qualified organizations as is reasonably possible with the funds available. Since 1995, Prairie Meadows has donated nearly \$40 million to 2,300 local projects through this program.

A luncheon and check presentation recognizing the Food Bank of Iowa and 191 other recipients of this year's grant money took place on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at The Meadows Events & Conference Center.

About the Food Bank of Iowa

The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, not-for-profit organization committed to its mission of alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. The Food Bank of Iowa solicits, receives, inventories and distributes donated food and grocery products to 285 partner agencies in 42 Iowa counties who directory serve needy individuals within their communities. To learn more, visit www.foodbankiowa.org.

About Prairie Meadows

Since 1989, Prairie Meadows has been a vital part of the central Iowa community. Throughout the years, their mission has remained the same: to promote economic development, agriculture, jobs, tourism and entertainment and provide financial contributions to programs and organizations that improve the quality of life for all Iowans.

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