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Food Bank of Iowa receives \$35,000 grant from Variety – the Children’s Charity



Photo Caption: Joanne Mangold, Variety – the Children’s Charity’s Board of Directors president and Sarah Bonefas, program coordinator for the Food Bank of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa – September 29, 2011 – The Food Bank of Iowa is the recipient of a \$35,000 grant from Variety – the Children’s Charity. This grant will directly impact the Food Bank of Iowa’s Backpack Buddies program.

“We are thrilled to once again receive a grant from Variety – the Children’s Charity,” says Carey Miller, executive director of the Food Bank of Iowa. “With Variety’s continued support, more children in need are able to participate in the Backpack Buddies program.”

The Backpack Buddies program provides over 1,500 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.

A reception and check presentation for the Food Bank of Iowa and other recipients of this year’s grant funds was held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Meredith Corporation.

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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 425 partner agencies in 55 counties who directly serve needy individuals within their communities. Forty-two of these counties are served from their facility in Des Moines with the remaining 13 counties being served by their redistribution organization, the Food Bank of Southern Iowa. To learn more, visit www.foodbankiowa.org.

About Variety – the Children’s Charity

Variety – the Children's Charity was born from the deep-seeded desire to protect and care for children in need. With the communities in which they help and support, Variety of Iowa has raised over 84 million dollars since 1975. To learn more, visit www.varietyiowa.com.