



*******MEDIA ADVISORY*******

Hunger-relief organizations join forces at the Hunger in Central Iowa: Legislative and Public Forum

WHAT: The Iowa Food Bank Association, in partnership with the Food Bank of Iowa, United Way and the Des Moines Area Religious Council will be holding a public forum on hunger and its relation to income, health and education.

WHEN/WHERE: Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 at the Iowa State Capitol, Room 116

HOW: The purpose of this forum is to educate the public and stakeholders about hunger in Iowa and to discuss creative strategies to address the issue. State representatives have been invited to attend and answer any questions or comment on the information presented during the forum.

WHY: Right now, there are over 382,000 Iowan's who lack adequate access to a nutritious diet. Forty-three percent of these individuals do not qualify for any type of government assistance. The issue of hunger must be addressed in Iowa's initiative to become the healthiest state in the nation.

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