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## **NATIONWIDE INSURANCE FOUNDATION GIVES AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK \$30,000**

**Akron, Ohio--- May 27, 2010** The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank announced that they have received a grant of \$30,000 from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank is receiving the funds as part of a \$750,000 donation being made to the national office of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, and 19 of its member food banks in communities where Nationwide Insurance associates live and work.

"We are extremely grateful to Nationwide Insurance Foundation for this generous donation," said Dan Flowers President and CEO of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. "More people in our area are seeking emergency food assistance than ever before. Unemployment has significantly affected Ohio, poverty rates have climbed and so many people are struggling. It could not have come at a better time."

"No one should have to struggle to put food on the table for their family," said Chad Jester, president of the Nationwide Insurance Foundation. "Unfortunately, the reality is that more and more families are facing this challenge. Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank provides a vital lifeline for many families in their community, and Nationwide is pleased to support them in the fight against hunger."

In addition to its financial support, Nationwide Insurance also provides support through employee engagement. Local Nationwide associates are very active in the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's Harvest for Hunger campaign and this spring associates gave back to the community by volunteering their time at the Foodbank. In April 2010, Feeding America awarded Nationwide Insurance the 2010 Group Volunteer Service of the Year award.

For more information, contact The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank at 330-535-6900.

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**The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank** is a non-profit organization with a mission to Feed People and Fight Hunger. The Foodbank provides food and other essential products to more than 430 community organizations that operate food pantries, hot meal sites and other hunger relief programs in Carroll, Holmes, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties. In 2009, the Foodbank distributed 18.7 million pounds of food, providing 13.5 million meals locally for people in need.

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