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LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT COLLECTS OVER TWELVE TONS OF NON-PERISHABLES DURING FOOD DRIVES

On April 23rd, Lake County Government partners hosted a drive-thru, no contact food drive at the Lake County Government Building in Waukegan to benefit Northern Illinois Food Bank. With the generosity of the local elected officials, the Lake County Government staff, and the public, 11,910 pounds of non-perishable items were collected, delivered, and then distributed to those in need by Northern Illinois Food Bank's partner pantries.

Due to the success of that event and recognizing the need is still so great, a second event was held today at Robert W. Depke Juvenile Justice Complex in Vernon Hills. The beneficiaries of this event were Giving Point in Winthrop Harbor, Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago, COOL Pantries in Waukegan, Phoenix Rising in Knollwood, and Vernon Township in Buffalo Grove. 12,100 pounds of non-perishables, cleaning products, diapers, and hygiene products were collected and distributed to these local Lake County food pantries this afternoon.

“Our 2 food drives held 3 weeks apart successfully collected over twelve tons of non-perishables. Thank you to our elected officials, employees, and the generous members of the public. No one should go hungry during the COVID-19 pandemic. The 19th Judicial Circuit, Lake County Government officials, the Lake County State’s Attorney Office, the Lake County Sheriff’s Department, the Lake County Coroner’s Office, and the Lake County Circuit Clerk’s Office asked for help to support our friends and neighbors in a time of need and food insecurity, and the community responded. Residents of Lake County should be proud to call it home,” said Chief Judge Diane Winter.

Additionally, a special thank you to the Lake Bluff Police Department for assisting in weighing the donations that were received.

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