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Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County Receives Corteva Betterment Grant to Fuel “Harvest of the Month” Initiative

Manitowoc, Wisconsin — The Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County has received a generous Betterment Grant from Corteva Agriscience on behalf of Forest Brook Seeds, a significant investment that will directly support the Coalition’s Harvest of the Month (HOM) initiative.

Forest Brook Seeds representatives presented the grant check at Grow It Forward, underscoring a shared commitment to improving food access and community health across Manitowoc County.

The grant funding will be immediately put to use to advance the Coalition's mission to collaboratively create solutions that increase food security and healthy food access. Specifically, the funds will support the purchase and distribution of fresh, seasonal produce, with the goal of reaching thousands of individuals served by local food pantries.

For October, the HOM initiative is spotlighting locally sourced apples, promoting the “Great Apple Crunch” and encouraging the use of seasonal produce through FoodWise educational materials like recipes and preparation tips. The program is currently being implemented in multiple pantries across the county, aligning with the Coalition's core value of Collaboration to amplify impact.

Amber Daus, Founder and CEO of Grow it Forward, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County: “The support from Corteva Agriscience is crucial. It doesn’t just help us provide more food, it helps us provide better food. Fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables that improve the health of our neighbors. This grant is a fantastic demonstration of partnership in action.”

The Hunger Coalition looks forward to documenting the success of the Harvest of the Month initiative throughout the fall and winter, including the purchase and distribution of Wilfert Farms carrots in November. This documentation will ensure the spirit of the program is captured for all partners and the wider community.

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About the Manitowoc County Hunger Coalition:

The Hunger Coalition of Manitowoc County works to alleviate hunger and promote food security through collaborative efforts, education, and access to nutritious food for all residents of Manitowoc County.

About Corteva Agriscience:

Corteva Agriscience is a publicly traded, global pure-play agriculture company that provides farmers around the world with the most complete portfolio in the industry.