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Food, Funds Collected for Great Plains Food Bank

Social service employees from Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McHenry, Mountrail, Renville, and Ward counties receive award for food drive collection efforts

BISMARCK, N.D. - Employees from county social service offices, the N.D. Department of Human Services, and other social service community partners collected 431 pounds of grocery and household items and over \$3,500 in monetary donations for the Great Plains Food Bank. The food drive was held in conjunction with the 15th annual Spring Showcase, a professional development and training conference held last month in Mandan, N.D.

“This food drive provides each of us with an opportunity to give back to our communities and every contribution makes a difference,” said Maggie D. Anderson, executive director of the N.D. Department of Human Services. “The work to end hunger is ongoing and together we can help improve the nutritional needs and well-being of North Dakotans.”

The North West Region won the *Make a Difference* traveling trophy for donating the most to the food drive. Counties in the region include Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McHenry, Mountrail, Renville, and Ward counties.

The Great Plains Food Bank will distribute the non-perishable food items to food pantries across North Dakota. The money collected will enable Great Plains Food Bank to purchase approximately 14,000 additional food items for the pantries.

The Spring Showcase was co-sponsored by the Dacotah Foundation and the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program unit of the Economic Assistance Policy Division. Nearly 200 people attended various educational presentations.

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