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**County and State Employees Help Address Hunger During Food Drive**

Bismarck, N.D. – Employees from county social service offices and the N.D. Department of Human Services collected 1,645 items weighing 1,525 pounds during the *Making a Difference* food drive. The food drive was held in conjunction with the annual Showcase training and recognition event.

“Every day we work together to end hunger and improve nutrition for low-income individuals and families,” said Arlene Dura, North Dakota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) director. “This food drive is another way for us to collaborate and help those in need.”

The West Central Region won the *Make a Difference Award* for donating the most food drive items totaling 418. Counties in the region include **Burleigh, Emmons, Kidder, McIntosh, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux** counties.

The non-perishable food and non-food items collected during the food drive were donated to the Great Plains Food Bank for statewide distribution to food pantries.

This is the third year county and department staff held the food drive. A total of 4,773 items weighing 4,228 pounds have been donated over the three-year period.

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