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JBS United Coordinates Charitable Donation Program with Pike County Area Farmers

The generosity of Pike County area farmers was recently demonstrated by their pooled financial donations to several local charitable organizations. Over \$ 5000 was raised for area charities through a farmer/agribusiness partnership coordinated by JBS United, Inc. Grain Division.

Through a special marketing program, JBS United offered a discounted grain selling option to area farmers who would in turn commit to a financial donation to a local charity of their choice. JBS United agreed to match the donations dollar for dollar.

According to Randy Bleich, General Manager of JBS United, Inc, Western Illinois Grain Division, "We were overwhelmed with the enthusiastic response from our farmer customers who so willingly contributed to this project. None of the participants wanted to be publically recognized for their donations. Farmers are known for feeding the world. Local farmers also want to help their neighbors. This project reinforced that fact".

As a result, the following local non-profit organizations will receive substantial funds to continue to offer their vital services to area families in need:

Two Rivers Food Pantry \$ 2750
Barry Food Pantry \$ 2000
Winchester/Kiwanis Food Pantry \$150
Habitat for Humanity of Pike County \$ 500

JBS United, Inc, Western Illinois Grain Division Grain Merchandiser, Dale Plumer stated, "We feel very strongly that the activities & programs of these charities are needed this year more than ever".

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