



Second Step Foundation Donates \$40,000 to Great Plains Food Bank to help Fight Hunger

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, February 2, 2021 | Second Step Foundation believes that no one in America should be hungry.

Second Step Foundation donated \$40,000 to Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo, ND to serve the target markets of Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Williston. This funding will continue to help Great Plains Food Bank purchase food and other necessities. The contribution was part of Second Step Foundation's \$260,000 commitment to help feed people in the communities where Interstate employees live and work.

"This donation is hopefully just the start of us doing many good things together in the communities we mutually serve," said Jim Williams, Second Step Foundation Co-Executive Director and President of I-State Truck Center. "We can truly make a difference in people's lives, and I look forward to watching the many ways in which our employees in each of these communities will rise to the occasion."

About Great Plain Food Bank

Since 1983, the Great Plains Food Bank has been ending hunger through community partnerships. The Great Plains Food Bank's mission is to end hunger in North Dakota and western Minnesota through community partnerships. They are the largest hunger-relief organization in North Dakota and serve as its only food bank.

About Second Step Foundation

The Second Step Foundation was formed in 2014 by the family of Interstate CEO Travis Penrod as a registered not-for-profit that has supported deserving charities with financial grants each year.

In early 2020, the foundation board established new direction for the organization to tie it more closely to Interstate Companies, Inc. and the 26 communities in which it serves across 12 states.

The foundation, believing that no one in America should be hungry, has intensified its focus on fighting hunger by supporting local food shelves and similar charities that help feed people.

The foundation's new logo carries a tagline, "Fueled by Interstate Companies," which signifies that the ongoing success of Interstate Companies will help sustain the foundation. Employees in the local branches of each division nominate charities in their communities to be considered for a donation. Learn more at www.secondstepfoundation.org.

About Interstate Companies, Inc.

Interstate Companies, a growing industrial conglomerate headquartered in Minneapolis, operates 53 business units in facilities across 12 states in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions. Interstate was founded in 1957. In its over 63 years in business, it has focused on distribution, sales and support of heavy-duty trucks, diesel engines, industrial bearing and power transmission products, industrial transmissions, power generation, transport refrigeration and other products. Interstate also provides contract assembly services and industrial labor.

Interstate Companies consists of six operating divisions: I-State Truck Centers, Interstate PowerSystems, Interstate BearingSystems, Interstate Transport Refrigeration, Interstate IndustrialSystems, and Assembly Systems, Inc.

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