



Second Step Foundation Donates \$10,000 to Rock River Valley Pantry to Help Fight Hunger

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, December 1, 2021 | Second Step Foundation believes that no one in America should be hungry.

Second Step Foundation donated \$10,000 to Rock River Valley Pantry in Rockford, IL. This funding will continue to help Rock River Valley Pantry purchase food and other necessities. The contribution was part of Second Step Foundation's \$270,000 commitment to help feed people in the communities where Interstate employees live and work.

"For the second year, the efforts of each and every employee of Interstate Companies, and their work each and every day, allowed the company to once again support the food based organizations in our communities to receive donations that will feed over 800,000 people," said Jim Williams, Second Step Foundation Co-Executive Director. "That is something everyone should take great pride in. Looks like Interstate's motto, *Pride in Service*, is alive and well!"

About Rock River Valley Pantry

Rock River Valley Pantry has been fighting hunger in the community since 1973 by providing nutritious food to those in urgent need. Their core values are to serve clients with respect and dignity, provide quality food for balanced meals, to be accountable to donors, engage volunteers, and educate the community regarding hunger issues.

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 27 communities in which it serves across 13 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 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 65 business units in facilities across 13 states in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions. Interstate was founded in 1957. In its over 64 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 the following operating divisions: I-State Truck Centers, Interstate Power Systems, Interstate Bearing Systems, Interstate Transport Refrigeration, Interstate Industrial Systems, Interstate Energy Systems, Southwest Products and Assembly Systems.

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