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Feeding America Southwest Virginia prepares for local hurricane impacts

(Salem, VA) September 11, 2018 – As hurricane Florence approaches the east coast of the United States, Feeding America Southwest Virginia is actively engaged in preparations for potential impacts in Southwest Virginia.

Efforts include inventorying supplies and keeping in close contact with partner organizations including the Red Cross, Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD), the Federation of Virginia Food Banks and local shelters.

The food bank is also preparing for impacts to its own facilities, including its Salem and Abingdon warehouses and the Community Solutions Center in Northwest Roanoke.

“We face a unique and challenging situation,” said Feeding America Southwest Virginia CEO Pamela Irvine. “We must prepare ourselves and our facilities carefully so that we are ready to take action as quickly as possible to help our communities cope with the impacts of this dangerous storm.”

Other Feeding America network food banks, including Second Harvest of Northeast Tennessee, have also reached out to offer assistance.

FASWVA advises Southwest Virginians to stay tuned to local media, the food bank’s website (faswva.org) and Facebook page (@feedingamericaswva) for information on services, volunteer needs and supply collections after the storm passes.

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About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded in 1981 and proudly commemorates 37 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. The Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank’s ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for the hungry. Approximately \$26.5 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 330 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. Visit www.faswva.org for more information or like us on Facebook.