

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Bring PB&J Food Pantry Donations to Fox Valley Savings Bank during March**

**Fond du Lac**—Through the end of March, Fox Valley Savings Bank locations are the central collection hubs for The Ultimate Peanut Butter and Jelly Train food drive. These shelf-stable food items will be donated to local Salvation Army food pantry supplies.

“Peanut butter and jelly are such staples in pantries,” said FVSB Assistant Vice President and Marketing Officer Kirsten Quam. “Pantry shelves get low in the spring, after the generous donations made during the holiday season have been passed along to hungry families.”

Convenient donation drop-off is the goal of the drive.

“When people come to Fox Valley Savings to do banking business, they can make a donation to their Salvation Army community food pantry without the effort of another stop,” said Quam. “We will do the coordinating and conducting of getting the donations from our three sites to the food pantry.

“Our bank staff is committed to all of the communities we serve, and we want to make sure our neighbors aren’t going hungry,” Quam said. “We invite citizens who are secure in their food sources to get ‘All Aboard’ our donation train and bring jars of peanut butter and jelly to any of our three locations. These are inexpensive items to donate, but they have a strong meal value.”

Food insecurity affects more than one in every 10 households in Wisconsin, according to figures shared by the UW-Wisconsin Extension.

Food insecurity means a household may run out of food, cut back on food for meals, or skip meals due to lack of money. It leads to increased health issues and chronic disease, and lower education success for children. According to Feeding Wisconsin, one in five children in this state live in food-insecure households. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction reports nearly 43 percent of students enrolled in Fond du Lac public schools are eligible to receive free and reduced hot lunch; the number for Oshkosh is a little over 31 percent, and in Waupun, the amount is nearly 29 percent.

The Salvation Army food pantry experience is unique because clients are able to shop the pantry and pick out the items they would like from each food group. Many clients choose peanut butter and jelly because the jars provide multiple meals and significant nutrition. The Salvation Army is an evangelical Christian international movement with the mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting human needs without discrimination.

Donations to the PB&J drive can be made during business hours at any of the three Fox Valley Savings Bank locations: 51 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Fond du Lac; 1700 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Oshkosh; 101 S. Madison, Waupun. For business hours and banking information, visit <https://www.fvsbank.com>.

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