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**RE:** Cargill Donates \$16,000 for Local Hunger Relief

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:***

**Southern Tier, NY** – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier announces that Cargill Incorporated and Cargill Salt Watkins Glen donated \$16,000 to fight hunger in the region providing funds to seven local nonprofit organizations. The hunger-relief agencies will use their respective funds to purchase food and supplies for their programs serving the community. The organizations receiving funds include Addison Food Pantry, Bradford Food Pantry, Dundee Area Food Pantry, Odessa Montour Food Pantry, Grace Lee Memorial Wesleyan in Beaver Dams, Schuyler Food Pantry and Trumansburg Food Pantry. The funds will provide a terrific boost in the agencies’ efforts to fight hunger. “It has increased our ability to provide more wholesome food for the people who are in need.”, said Bradford Food Pantry Coordinator, Josephine Dibble.

Cargill Watkins Glen provided separate funding to Food Bank of the Southern Tier in March. “Our corporate responsibility extends not only to our own operations but to our wider communities,” said Don Chutas, manager of the Cargill location. “As a food company committed to nourishing people, Cargill is making this donation to help hungry families.” The Watkins Glen efforts are part of a \$5 million donation Cargill announced in December 2008. Hunger relief agencies are facing a growing demand for their services at a time when donations are shrinking. As a result, Cargill committed funds at global, national and local levels to provide immediate hunger relief to area nonprofit organizations.

For more on Cargill’s global corporate responsibility work see Cargill’s Corporate Responsibility (Citizenship) Review at <http://www.cargill.com/about/citizenship/citizenship.htm>.

About the Food Bank

In operation since 1981, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and food-related products to people in need through a network of more than 180 hunger-relief agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit organizations. The Food Bank also has a number of programs that fight hunger including the Backpack Program™ and Mobile Food Pantry. Located in Elmira, NY it is a regional agency of Catholic Charities and one of eight Feeding America affiliate Food Banks in New York State serving the six counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins.

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