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RE: *Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation Provides Grant to Support the Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry Program*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Southern Tier, NY – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier announces that a grant in the amount of \$4,500 was received from the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation. These funds will be used to support three Mobile Food Pantry distributions in Tioga County during 2009.

The Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation provides grants to organizations that enhance and benefit the residents of Tioga County. The Foundation awards such grants to address the community's challenges and to make a significant difference to those affected by those challenges.

“In awarding this grant, the Advisory Committee recognizes that basic needs, such as food, are increasing significantly due to the current economy,” said Irene C. Graven, Executive Director of the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation.

Introduced in July 2007, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier's Mobile Food Pantry Program consists of two converted 35-foot beverage trucks which deliver fresh produce, dairy products, and other food and grocery products directly to distribution sites where people need food. The Mobile Food Pantry can transport up to 15,000 pounds of food with a typical mobile pantry distribution providing to 200 to 250 families in need. In 2008, the Mobile Food Pantry trucks distributed 263,651 pounds of food in Tioga County, serving 5,900 households, 4,579 children, 8,844 adults, and 1,589 seniors.

To learn more about the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and how you can support local hunger-relief efforts, visit the Food Bank's website at www.foodbankst.org or call 607-796-6061.

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, Tompkins, Tioga and Steuben.

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