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HRDC's Gallatin Valley Food Bank to Receive Ham Donation from Albertsons/Safeway and Hormel Foods

Bozeman, MONT. – HRDC's Gallatin Valley Food Bank has been chosen to receive a donation of 500 hams from the *Hormel® Cure 81® Hams for Hunger®* program, in partnership with Albertsons and Safeway.

On Wednesday, March 10 at 10:00 am, Albertsons and Safeway will present the 500 hams to the organization at the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. HRDC and Albertsons/Safeway invite and encourage members of the press to attend. The hams will be distributed to customers as part of the organization's emergency food box service.

"This generous donation of 500 hams from Hormel, Albertsons, and Safeway to our Gallatin Valley Food Bank will provide our customers with a tasty meat which can be enjoyed hot or cold," says Jon Horn, HRDC's Gallatin Valley Food Bank Operations Manager. "We are so grateful to receive this donation by Hormel's Cure 81 Hams for Hunger program and Albertsons/Safeway. Thank you for your support and commitment to giving back to our community."

"Albertsons and Safeway are committed to our partnership with local food banks to help end food insecurity," said Teresa Whitney, VP, Merchandising and Marketing with Albertsons Companies Intermountain Division. "We are grateful for the wonderful relationships we have with vendor partners, such as Hormel Foods. By working together, we can combine our efforts towards the same goal to battle hunger relief and to help support local families with their basic needs."

"Hormel Foods is proud to partner with Albertsons and Safeway to support hunger-relief efforts in the communities served by the company's Albertsons and Safeway stores," said Kelsey Tynan, *Hormel® Cure 81®* brand manager at Hormel Foods. "The *Hormel® Cure 81® Hams for Hunger®* program highlights our long-standing relationship with Albertsons and Safeway, and we are honored to work together and make such a substantial contribution for those in need."

Hormel Foods will donate more than 55,000 hams (an estimated retail value of \$1.1 million or an equivalent of more than 1 million meals**) to charities nationwide through the *Hormel® Cure 81® Hams for Hunger®* program this year. ** *Based on a 3-ounce portion and average boneless ham weight.*

For more information about HRDC's initiatives to address hunger, visit thehrdc.org/food-nutrition/.

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