



## News Release

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### **Registration Opens for 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SEMO Food Bank Golf Classic**

**SIKESTON, Mo. (July 15, 2024)** – Full registration opens for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual SEMO Food Bank Golf Classic on Monday, July 15.

This year's event will be Monday, Sept. 23, at Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau. The four-person scramble has a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. All proceeds benefit the food bank's mission to end hunger in southeast Missouri. The outing includes lunch provided by Texas Roadhouse, refreshments throughout the day, games on the course and a silent auction.

"We're really looking forward to this year's outing," said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of SEMO Food Bank. "Dalhousie is a beautiful course and the staff always makes sure our golfers have a wonderful day. This is our biggest event every year, and we're looking forward to raising a lot of money to help neighbors facing hunger."

This year's sponsors include Feeding Missouri, Focus Bank and Saint Francis Healthcare System, among many others.

"We're fortunate to have such great support from our sponsors every year," Keys said. "Many of these businesses have been part of our golf outing for multiple years."

Sponsorship opportunities start at \$500, and a team-only entry is \$1,000. To sponsor or register a team, visit <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/hdGBjQ?vid=15bilq> or contact Heather Collier at [hcollier@semofoodbank.org](mailto:hcollier@semofoodbank.org).

Southeast Missouri has some of the highest rates of hunger in the state, with 1 in 6 individuals and 1 in 5 children living in food insecure homes. SEMO Food Bank serves 80,000 individuals each month through its network of partner agencies and direct service programs. For more information about Southeast Missouri Food Bank, please visit [semofoodbank.org](http://semofoodbank.org).

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### **About Southeast Missouri Food Bank**

The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build healthy communities. The food bank provides food to 140 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. These member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters. Southeast Missouri Food Bank also holds regular mobile food distributions and provides monthly boxes of food to 5,575 senior citizens and weekend backpacks of food during the school year to 1,200 students in area school districts. The food bank's 16-county coverage area includes Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard and Wayne counties. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit [semofoodbank.org](http://semofoodbank.org) for more information.