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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### God's Pantry Food Bank Feeling Impact of Economic Downturn

LEXINGTON, Ky. - As the economy continues to move toward recession, God's Pantry Food Bank is feeling the impact as it strives to feed hungry families across central and eastern Kentucky. Rising costs of both food and fuel are putting a strain on the budget, making private donations more important now than ever.

God's Pantry Food Bank's costs for many staple items have increased dramatically in the last 12 months. The price of eggs has increased by 60 percent, while prices on peanut butter have jumped 50 percent. Important food box basics like pasta and dry beans have also seen significant increases, including 50 percent for pasta and 44 percent for dry beans.

In addition, the rising costs of fuel have had a huge impact. God's Pantry Food Bank serves more than 350 member agencies in 49 counties of central and eastern Kentucky. With many drop deliveries and direct delivery programs in place, a 29 percent increase in fuel costs has seriously impacted the budget.

God's Pantry Food Bank operates on a \$2.5 million budget, with over \$1 million going to food purchase and transportation costs. With the continued rise in costs for these items, God's Pantry Food Bank is actively seeking public support to help us bridge these increases. Please donate today.

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*The mission of God's Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. We serve 49 counties of central and eastern Kentucky and distribute \$10 worth of food for every \$1 donated. Last year God's Pantry Food Bank and its member agencies distributed more than 13 million pounds of groceries to more than 159,000 individuals. God's Pantry Food Bank is a member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network. Through community partnerships and*

*distribution of food to 50,000 agencies, America's Second Harvest collectively works to assure that people in need have access to a balanced diet. For more information visit us at <http://www.godspantry.org/or> or [www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org).*