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## United Way of Southwestern Indiana Announces SPRING INTO CARING FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

United Way of Southwestern Indiana's Spring Into Caring Food Drive collected 58,200 pounds of food which is enough to provide 48,500 meals for the Tri-State Food Bank. Forty-one volunteers donated a total of 169 hours helping United Way with the Friday Finale and the Tri-State Food Bank sort food in preparation for distribution to food pantries.

These results wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of over 40 organizations and companies, as well as, Atlas Van Lines for donating their trailer and delivering the collected goods to Tri-State Food Bank. Congratulations to Vectren, Harding, Shymanski & Co. and Payne Wealth Partners for donating the most goods in their company-size categories.

United Way's 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service connects people to the help they need. Sara Murray, Director of Community Resources with United Way of Southwestern Indiana, reported *"During the summer our 2-1-1 center typically sees an increase in calls for food assistance. We know that school aged children, many of whom receive free or reduced meals at school, are now home with families that may be struggling to stretch their food budget. Help with food assistance is an ongoing need in our community and that need is even greater in the summer months!"*