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\$20,000 donation helps Wisconsin's dairy farmers and families in need

Alliant Energy's Foundation gives food banks cash to spend on dairy products

MADISON, Wis. (June 16, 2020) – In conjunction with National Dairy Month, Alliant Energy's Foundation announces a \$20,000 donation to two Wisconsin food banks that will benefit dairy farmers and communities throughout "America's Dairyland."

[Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin](#) and [Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin](#) will use the funds to purchase products, including milk, cheese and yogurt, from dairy producers in communities served by Alliant Energy in Wisconsin. The food banks will then distribute the dairy products to families in need.

These funds provide an economic boost to Wisconsin's dairy farmers and dairy industry, which has faced difficult times, even before the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The donation will allow farmers and producers to benefit financially from the purchase of the dairy products and help to prevent wasted milk.

"This unique collaboration brings healthy dairy products to those in need and puts money directly back into communities," said Julie Bauer, Executive Director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. "Our donation allows the food banks to purchase dairy products when they are needed most to make sure they stay fresh."

According to [Feeding America](#), dairy products are highly requested items at food banks. Due to the need to keep dairy products refrigerated, they are difficult to donate, stock and distribute.

"Thanks to this gift from the Alliant Energy Foundation, we will be able to provide more of a product that is rarely donated, but always needed," said Michelle Orge, president and CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. "Providing a healthy product like milk is very important to us, the families we serve and the communities as a whole."

According to the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#), consuming dairy products benefits the body by improving bone health and maintaining healthy blood pressure. Dairy products provide important nutrients, including calcium, protein, potassium and vitamin D.

"We are thrilled to help support the dairy industry through the generous financial donation, especially now when the need in our community is so great," said Jeff Joslyn, Food Resources Manager at Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin.

For more information about Alliant Energy's Foundation, visit www.alliantenergy.com/stories.

The Alliant Energy Foundation is a philanthropic organization created by Alliant Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: LNT) and is operated as a separate entity led by its own board of directors. The Foundation is committed to making a positive difference in the communities where Alliant Energy employees, retirees and customers live and work. The Foundation, which is funded solely by Alliant Energy shareowners, seeks to further the corporation's goal of being a good corporate citizen and contributing member of society. Since 1998, the Foundation has contributed \$55 million to innovative projects and local nonprofits. For more information, visit alliantenergy.com/foundation.

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