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Osmundson Mfg. Co. Sponsors School Food Pantry Program and Backpack Program™ for 2023-24 School Year

Partnership with Food Bank of Iowa Helps Feed Children and Families
in Dallas and Greene Counties

PERRY, Iowa (September 6, 2023) — [Osmundson Manufacturing Company](#) is proud to continue its partnership with the [Food Bank of Iowa](#) by providing financial sponsorship for two programs that fight food insecurity in the local community.

Osmundson's financial contribution provides funding for the [School Food Pantry Program](#) in the Perry Community School District and the Greene County Community School District, and the [BackPack Program™](#) in the Perry CSD. The school districts have a combined total enrollment of 3,000 students.

"We are very grateful to partner with the Food Bank of Iowa and help contribute to the fight against food insecurity in our communities," says Heather Bruce, Osmundson CEO. "The School Food Pantry Program and Backpack Program, as well as the Perry and Jefferson communities, are close to our company's heart — and it is our honor to play a role in helping feed the children and families who benefit from these programs."

The company has committed to a three-year financial sponsorship of the School Food Pantry Program while the Backpack Program™ enters its fifth year of funding by the Perry-based agriculture, mining and machine manufacturing company. Osmundson's annual sponsorship totals \$17,500 for the two programs.

The School Food Pantry Programs will be hosted at Perry High School and Jefferson High School. Staff members from these schools help run their respective pantry so students' needs can be anticipated by those who know them.

The School Pantry Program focuses on providing food that is both free of charge and wholesome. There are more than 148 school pantries in 43 counties throughout Iowa that are

specifically coordinated by the Food Bank of Iowa — the non-profit organization provides the food, equipment, structure and oversight for the program.

Perry Elementary School will host the BackPack Program™ funded by Osmundson's financial contribution. The BackPack Program™ helps feed elementary students on weekends when they don't have access to school-provided breakfast and lunch. Every Friday during the school year, students in need receive a backpack filled with nutritious, kid-friendly food to bring home for the weekend. This program is free to schools — and school staff members and teachers discretely hand out the bags. Thousands of backpacks are provided to partner schools every week with the goal of students being able to return to school better equipped to learn on Monday mornings.

To donate or for more information, please visit the Food Bank of Iowa's official website at foodbankiowa.org.

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Osmundson Mfg. Co. is a family-owned, future-focused manufacturer. Partnering with agriculture OEMs, Osmundson solves the challenges farmers face in the field by crafting top-tier tillage blades and cultivation tools. From U.S.-sourced steel to the Midwest-based facility, Osmundson blades have been 100% American-made for over five generations. The company's family values drive honest partnerships, while a future-ready mindset drives industry-shaping innovation and leadership. More at www.osmundson.com.