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Local 5, Fareway Stores and Berkwood Farms Provide Holiday Meals to 100 Des Moines Families

Des Moines, IA – Working to create change for the good of central Iowa, Local 5 packaged 100 meals for Des Moines families, which were chosen by Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS). Families received a half ham and a basket of side dishes, including ingredients for mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and dressing.

[Local 5 prepared the baskets today at the Kurtz Opportunity Center for delivery by DMPS Monday and Tuesday.](#) Meals will be provided to families of Morris Elementary and Wright Elementary Schools. This is the fourth year Local 5 has organized the holiday meal giveaway in coordination with DMPS.

This time of year, there's just so many expenses that our families have, that they might not have at other times of the year," [said Brad Buckley](#), a Community School Coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools. "So, distributing these meals to the families takes a big load off of that."

Fareway Stores generously provided the side dishes included in the meals, valued at over \$1,700 and Berkwood Farms provided the half boneless hams, 260 pounds of ham.

Additionally, today, [Local 5 hosted a personal care product drive](#) at the Kurtz Opportunity Center in Des Moines. Central Iowans donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap and conditioner. Hundreds of items were collected for students of DMPS.

About Local 5 (WOI) and CW Iowa 23 (KCWI)

Leading the market in longevity, Local 5 has been broadcasting for 74 years, and continues to bolster its strong ties to the community. Local 5 and CW Iowa 23, your "We Are Iowa" stations, offer central Iowa 29 hours of live, local programming each week. Local news, We Are Iowa's Most Accurate Forecast, and in-depth sports coverage can be streamed on www.WeAreIowa.com, through the We Are Iowa app, or on demand with the [WeAreIowa+ app on Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV](#). "We Are Iowa" is more than a statement, it's our stations' philosophy. Central Iowans expect Local 5 to be "On Your Side" and that is shown every day through "Verify" reports; confirming facts, offering context, and answering questions. Local 5 and CW Iowa 23 are owned by TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA), an innovative media company that owns and operates 64 television stations in 51 markets.

About Berkwood Farms

Founded in 2005, Berkwood Farms has always been driven by a mission to not only produce high quality, 100% Berkshire Pork, but also to make a positive impact on the local community and the environment. What sets Berkwood Farms apart is its comprehensive approach to

sustainability, which includes innovative farm techniques, a commitment to animal welfare, no antibiotics or hormones, and a pride in pork unmatched by competitors.

About Fareway Stores

Fareway Stores, Inc. is a growing Midwest grocery company currently operating 139 stores in a seven-state region. Fareway's mission is to provide the highest quality products, while treating customers like family, and valuing dedicated employees. Its stores are known for their unmatched, full-service meat departments, farm-fresh produce, and exceptional to-your-car customer service. Fareway is a family-owned business, recognized as a top 10 employer in Iowa, and has more than 12,000 total employees. Visit Fareway.com for more information or shop online by visiting Shop.Fareway.com.

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