CHOBANI CONTINUES ITS FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER WITH SIXTH ANNUAL CHOBANI COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND GRANT

Over the Past Six Years, the Fund Granted Approximately $1.7 Million to Over 50 Local Organizations – This Year $100,000 was Granted to 11 Organizations in the Magic Valley

Twin Falls, I.D., (January 8, 2024) – Chobani today announced the recipients of its sixth annual Chobani Community Impact Fund Grant – providing $100,000 to help fund programs and initiatives that will increase access to nutritious food, address infrastructure needs and aid in filling the gap for residents experiencing food insecurity for over 4,800 individuals monthly in the Magic Valley.

Since the program debuted in 2018, the Chobani Community Impact Fund has awarded approximately $1.7 million in grants to over 50 organizations in its hometowns in New York and Idaho – including 29 in the Magic Valley such as Mustard Seed Ministries, La Posada, Inc., Valley House Homeless Shelter, United Way, Everybody House – Everybody Eats, among many others.

For more than 15 years, Chobani has been a leader and advocate of giving back to local communities. As an expansion of its efforts, Chobani established the Community Impact Fund with the strategic goal of strengthening the regions where Chobani employees live and work. The Community Impact Fund supports organizations, programs and projects that promote food and nutrition security in local communities in an effort to eradicate hunger.

"Since day one, Chobani has believed in better food for more people,” said Becca Dittrich, Vice President, Impact & Partnerships at Chobani. “We are driven by championing change, and by proving the power of business when it uses its influence as a force for good. We are so excited to provide grants to these 11 organizations, and grateful to our Chobani employee committee that votes on the recipients. By doing so, they are having a real firsthand impact on the organizations serving the places they call home.”

Chobani’s employee selection committee, alongside The Idaho Community Foundation, carefully considers applicants’ needs and how the organization plans to support the needs of the community using the grant.

“The Idaho Community Foundation is honored to work side-by-side with Chobani. We know that having access to nutritious food has significant impacts on public health, education outcomes, and even workforce participation,” said Lisa Bearg, Senior Philanthropic Advisor, Idaho Community Foundation. “We are proud of our strong partnership, and we applaud Chobani for their continued commitment to building a healthier Idaho.”

The 2023 Magic Valley Chobani Community Impact Fund recipients are:
La Posada – The grant will support the creation of food boxes containing fresh and nutritious foods for the migrant community.  
(Grant: $5,000)

Idaho Angels – The grant will purchase food boxes, baby formula and baby food for families with infants.  
(Grant: $4,000)

Voices Against Violence – The grant will provide nutritious foods such as protein and fresh produce for survivors of violence and domestic abuse throughout their healing journey.  
(Grant: $15,000)

Ageless Senior Center – The grant will provide multiple high-protein, hot meals to seniors three times per week.  
(Grant: $3,000)

Jerome School District – The grant will support the Friday food backpack program at Jerome Middle School and will fund culturally-appropriate food for the district food pantry.  
(Grant: $5,000)

Mustard Seed – The grant will support the purchase of high-protein foods and dairy to be included in emergency food boxes for individuals and families in need.  
(Grant: $9,000)

New Hope Transition Center – The grant will purchase fresh produce, whole grains and high protein food items for individuals in the men’s transitional home.  
(Grant: $5,000)

Valley House Homeless Shelter – The grant will provide nutritious food for individuals experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.  
(Grant: $9,000)

Everybody House – The grant will support the Everybody Eats program, which provides a nutritious, chef-prepared meal free to the at-risk community twice per month.  
(Grant: $20,000)

United Way of South Central Idaho – The grant will allow nutritious foods to be collected from local food manufacturers and delivered to food pantries in remote and underserved areas.  
(Grant: $20,000)

Jerome Senior Center – The grant will support the purchase of fresh, non-processed foods for the senior nutrition program.  
(Grant: $5,000)
ABOUT CHOBANI
Chobani is a food maker with a mission of making high-quality and nutritious food accessible to more people, while elevating our communities and making the world a healthier place. In short: making good food for all. In support of this mission, Chobani is a purpose-driven, people-first, food-and-wellness-focused company, and has been since its founding in 2005 by Hamdi Ulukaya, an immigrant to the U.S. The company manufactures yogurt, oatmilk, and dairy- and plant-based creamers – Chobani yogurt is America's No.1 yogurt brand, made with natural ingredients without artificial preservatives.

Chobani uses food as a force for good in the world – putting humanity first in everything it does. The company’s philanthropic efforts prioritize giving back to its communities and beyond: working to eradicate child hunger, supporting immigrants, refugees and underrepresented people, honoring veterans, and protecting the planet. Chobani products are manufactured in New York, Idaho, and Australia, and are available throughout North America and distributed in Australia and other select markets. For more information, please visit www.chobani.com and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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