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## Ameriprise Financial Brings Together 4,000 Volunteers Nationwide to End Hunger

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**Company also pledges \$1.4 million in grants to help strengthen local communities**

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- On June 16, nearly 4,000 Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (NYSE: AMP) employees, advisors and clients will come together to provide food for people in need. Working at more than 200 hunger-relief events across the country, the volunteers will package and prepare meals to help the 1 in 8 Americans who struggle with hunger. The events are the first of two nationwide service days Ameriprise organizes in partnership with Feeding America® each year, reflecting the company's ongoing commitment to help ensure hungry families and individuals have access to food.

"Hunger has no boundaries. Working families, senior citizens, children and individuals in both rural and urban areas can quickly find themselves at risk of hunger," said Brian Pietsch, head of community relations at Ameriprise. "The summer can be especially challenging for children who rely on school meal programs throughout the year. Our nationwide volunteer effort will bring together thousands of people to help fill the gap so many families face during the summer months."

### **Ameriprise awards more than \$1.4 million in grants to nonprofits**

In conjunction with its national event, Ameriprise announces the donation of more than \$1.4 million in grants to 79 nonprofits. To make a meaningful difference in local communities, Ameriprise makes grants that help people meet their most basic needs, create vibrant communities and engage our volunteers. Many of the nonprofits also benefit from the deep commitment Ameriprise advisors and employees offer through volunteerism, board service and donations.

Recent grant recipients include:

- **Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, Ill.**

Northern Illinois Food Bank provides more than 62.5 million meals a year to those struggling with hunger across its 13-county service area. Over the past seven years, 940 volunteers from 15 different Ameriprise offices have donated more than 2,500 hours at the Food Bank's West Suburban, Northwest and North Suburban Centers. Northern Illinois Food Bank is a member of Feeding America.

- **A New Leaf in Mesa, Ariz.**

A New Leaf is a 46-year-old community nonprofit whose mission is to help those in crisis. Annually, they serve over 22,000 men, women and children suffering from domestic violence and homelessness through a continuum of shelter, supportive housing and self-sufficiency programming. The recent grant from Ameriprise will provide general operating support to help meet the needs of domestic violence, homelessness and poverty.

- **Portland Children's Museum in Portland, Ore.**

Portland Children's Museum collaborates to create transformative learning experiences through the arts and sciences. With its Community Partners program, the Museum ensures that all families, regardless of ability, identity and background feel welcomed, safe and respected. Support from Ameriprise will help the Museum host more than 48,000 people in need, including children experiencing disabilities.

Ameriprise funds grants to nonprofits twice a year. Grant guidelines are available on <https://www.ameriprise.com/financial-planning/about/community-relations/>.

## About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.

## About Ameriprise Financial Community Relations

Ameriprise Financial is dedicated to utilizing the firm's resources and talents to improve the lives of individuals and build strong communities. Through grantmaking, volunteerism and employee and advisor gift matching programs, the company supports a diverse group of nearly 6,500 nonprofits across the country. By targeting our grantmaking, we can make the most of our resources and engage our people to make a collective impact with greater benefit for communities.

## About Ameriprise Financial

At Ameriprise Financial, we have been helping people feel confident about their financial future for more than 120 years. With a network of 10,000 financial advisors and extensive asset management, advisory and insurance capabilities, we have the strength and expertise to serve the full range of consumer financial needs. For more information, or to find an Ameriprise financial advisor, visit [ameriprise.com](http://ameriprise.com).

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## Grants Awarded: First Cycle 2017

### Meeting Basic Needs – 47 grants:

180 Degrees, Inc., A New Leaf, Inc., AccessAbility, Inc., Aeon, All Faiths Food Bank, Inc., Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Central Texas Food Bank, Inc., CommonBond Communities, Community Food Bank, Inc., Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Inc., Community Servings, Inc., Community Solutions International, Inc., Desert Mission, Estuary Council of Seniors Inc., Family Scholar House, Inc., Feeding America, Feeding America Southwest Virginia, Feeding South Florida, Food Lifeline, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, ForKids, Inc., Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Human Solutions, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, Mary's Place Seattle, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Northern Illinois Food Bank, People Serving People, Pillsbury United Communities, Portland Homeless Family Solutions, Prepare + Prosper, Prevention Health Care Agency dba Isuroon, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities, Redwood Empire Food Bank, RESOURCE, Rosie's Place, Second Harvest Foodbank of Middle Tennessee, Store to Door, The Aliveness Project, The Greater Boston Food Bank, Twin Cities RISE, Victory Programs, Inc.

### Supporting Community Vitality – 24 grants:

Brooklyn Academy of Music, Children's Theatre Company, Guthrie Theater, HandsOn Twin Cities, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, Memphis Museums, Inc., Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota Orchestral Association, Mission Economic Development Agency, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, National Philharmonic Orchestra & Chorale of Montgomery County, New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC), Portland Children's Museum, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Shreveport Opera, Southern Theater, Stages Theatre Company, The Florida Orchestra, The Trust for Public Land, Urban Gateways, Walker Art Center, Weisman Art Museum (WAM), University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, Women's Economic Ventures

### Volunteer-drive Causes – 8 grants:

Alzheimer's Association, BestPrep, RiverBend Cancer Services, Genesys Works -- Twin Cities, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc in Brown County, Special Olympics Minnesota, Susan G. Komen

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