

Hormel continues hunger fight

❑ *Sixth annual donation of \$10,000 given to Rochelle Area Community Foundation*

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Foods, the local manufacturing facility owned by Hormel Foods Corporation (NYSE:HRL), announced Monday that it will donate \$10,000 to the Rochelle Foods Hunger Challenge Fund to fight hunger in the Rochelle community.

This donation is part of the Hormel Foods Plant Community Donations Program, which gives employees the opportunity to assist local hunger relief organizations and strengthen the communities where they live and work.

“It is our privilege to once again to donate to the Rochelle Foods Hunger Challenge Fund and help their efforts in the fight against hunger in our community,” said William H. Rice, plant manager, Rochelle Foods. “Our employees and the company are excited to continue fighting hunger in our community.”

The donation was presented to Kim Montgomery, executive director of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. Montgomery said the donated funds from Rochelle Foods will help to provide food to those in need.

“This is an exciting time for the foundation. Rochelle Foods is such a gift to the community,” Montgomery said. “They support the community in many ways.”

Last year, \$1,800 was given to help area families through the Northern Illinois Food Pantry backpack program. Students in the Rochelle area took home a backpack filled with food each weekend.

In 2011, the facility donated \$5,000 to help establish the Rochelle Foods Hunger Challenge Fund with the Rochelle Area Community Foundation, a public charitable organization designed to attract and distribute gifts to benefit the community. The facility also donated \$10,000 to the fund in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

For the sixth consecutive year, Hormel Foods is giving funds to U.S. manufacturing facilities to share with nonprofits in their respective communities to fight hunger. In 2015, Hormel Foods donated \$400,000 to local hunger relief organizations in 40 U.S. communities where it has manufacturing facilities, bringing the program’s total contribution to lo-



Pictured from left to right are Josh Christen, Jeff Diercks, RACF member Cal Jacobs, Rick Elliott, Bill Rice, Jose Franco, Joe Tessen, RACF director Kim Montgomery, Dan Ditto, Jesse Hoiness and Dave Burrows. On Monday morning, representatives from Rochelle Foods donated \$10,000 to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation for the sixth year to help fight hunger in the community. (Photo by Lori Tepinski)

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cal hunger relief efforts to more than \$1 million thus far. In 2016, the company will provide 40 plant locations with funds to continue the program.

“We’re committed to fighting hunger in the communities where our employees live and work,” said Wendy A. Watkins, vice president of corporate communications at Hormel Foods. “Last year was a record year in terms of community hunger donations, and we are confident that 2016 will be equally as impactful.”

Hormel Foods is helping those in need both in the United States and internationally through its On Our Way to Ending Hunger program. The company collaborates with retailers, nonprofits and the government on hunger relief efforts; nourishes the hungry in the U.S. and abroad; and motivates individuals and corporate partners to take action to fight hunger.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Hunger Challenge Fund is encouraged to visit www.rochellefoundation.org and click

on “GIVE NOW.”