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MY NEIGHBOR'S PANTRY RECEIVES A VISIT FROM CONGRESS

Forsyth, MO—My Neighbor's Pantry; part of National Enzyme Company's Gift of Hope charity, received a visit from Eighth District Congresswoman, Jo Ann Emerson. This visit was part of her annual Farm Tour, where she visits similar entities within her district to encourage the work they are doing to prevent hunger in their areas.

Jo Ann Emerson is co-chair of the Board of Directors for the Congressional Hunger Center. Her goal throughout her annual Farm Tour is to discuss some of the challenges facing similar organizations and to share helpful suggestions based on her experience.

"On the Federal level or even the International level, private voluntary organizations are starting to work better together, but it's taken many years," said Emerson.

Congresswoman Emerson was given a tour of My Neighbor's Pantry by Catie Myers, Pantry Manager, and was impressed by the work the Pantry is doing. Myers shared with Emerson that during the month of July the Pantry was able to feed 1,300 people, including 500 children.

"We are excited to be a part of My Neighbor's Pantry through Gift of Hope and to have the opportunity to help people in our community. To have our organization recognized by U.S. Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson as a worthwhile endeavor validates our desire to make things better for those who need assistance," said Myers.

Backed by the employees of National Enzyme Company, Gift of Hope, Inc. has been serving the needs of children and families in Taney County for over 20 years. Currently Gift of Hope, Inc. sponsors programs to provide children with school supplies, food and clothing. In addition, Gift of Hope, Inc. provides assistance to qualified families in need with rent, utilities, food, and Christmas gifts, particularly during the winter months when the need can be the greatest in Taney County.

For more information about Gift of Hope, Inc. please visit www.giftofhopeinc.org.

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