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## **Valley Park Food Pantry Expects Influx of New Clients Due to Flooding; Encourages Cash and Food Donations**

**Valley Park, MO., May 4, 2017** . . . Although Circle Of Concern Food Pantry in Valley Park, Missouri, is currently closed due to the evacuation order, the nonprofit expects to be back in its building again within a few days serving low-income families and households in West St. Louis County. People wanting to help those impacted by the flood can donate online at [www.circleofconcern.org](http://www.circleofconcern.org) or drop-off donations of food at Circle's pantry in Valley Park once it reopens for business in the coming days. Donations will support flood relief efforts and year-round programs offered by Circle to low-income clients in their service area of Valley Park, Rockwood, and Parkway school districts.

"We certainly expect to see an influx of new clients as a result of the flooding," said Cyndi Miller, executive director of Circle Of Concern. "In a typical month we serve approximately 2,000 individuals, so the flooding will only increase those numbers. We welcome donations of cash and food (canned chicken, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly, soups, and cereals), bottled water, cleaning supplies, and personal care items."

Upon its reopening, Circle will receive food and other supplies Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm; Wednesdays from 9 am to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 9am to 1 pm. Circle Of Concern staff, board, and volunteers mobilized this past Monday to serve as many families as possible before packing up critical equipment and supplies and evacuating their building in compliance with the mandatory evacuation order in the levee-protected area of Valley Park. Announcements pertaining to area-wide resources for flood victims and information about Circle's food pantry re-opening will be posted on Circle's website.

### **About Circle Of Concern**

Circle Of Concern is a non-profit food pantry and social services agency serving low-income families in West St. Louis County. The organization helps feed approximately 1200 households annually and offers financial support, scholarships, job mentoring, children's programs and holiday events to allow its clients to use their limited resources to regain their financial footing.