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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Unused School Milk Being Donated To Help Open Door Mission Feed The Hungry**

*Omaha Public Schools to donate 1,000s of Servings of Hiland Dairy Milk to ensure those in need have milk during the winter break*

**OMAHA, Neb. –** HilandDairy has again coordinated with Omaha Public Schools for the upcoming holiday break to deliver thousands of unused containers of milk to the Open Door Mission (ODM) – a local non-profit committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

**WHAT**: Several area Omaha Public Schools will find themselves with extra, unused milk at the end of the fall term. Twice annually, Hiland Dairy coordinates a pick-up of the nutrient-dense, protein-rich surplus of school milk for delivery to the ODM.

ODM serves more than 3,500 nutritious meals to the hungry and homeless, daily. The average age of a homeless person is 9 years old, making programs like ODM’s vital because more than 22 million children nationally may miss out on the nine essential vitamins and minerals milk provides over the winter holidays and summer months when schools are closed, and they lose access to free or reduced-price milk. Milk that is not able to be distributed by ODM before the “best by” date will be frozen for later use in meal preparation.

**WHEN**: Monday, December 23, 2019 beginning at 9am.

The Open Door Mission will have two trucks leaving the mission and plan to make stops throughout the morning at the following locations:

**Truck 1**

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| 9:00 AM -10:00 AM | Lewis -Clark Middle  | 6901 Burt St |
| 10:30- 11:30AM | Benson SR | 5120 Maple St |
| 11:30 AM -12:30 PM | Skinner | 4304 N. 33rd st |
| 1:00 PM-2:00PM | Gateway Elem | 5610 South 42nd st |
| 3:00 PM | Open Door Mission |   |

**Truck 2**

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| 9:00 AM -10:00 AM | Hale JR | 6143 Whitmore |
| 10:30- 11:30AM | Morton | 4606 Terrace Dr |
| 11:30 AM -12:30 PM | Standing Bear | 1560 Taylor ST |
| 1:00 PM-2:00PM | Beveridge JR | 1616 S. 120th |
| 3:00 PM | Open Door Mission |   |

The trucks will return to the mission for unloading of the milk at 3pm.

The end of the semester also signifies a break in the school lunch program featuring nutritious milk for many of the area’s school-aged children.

“Hiland Dairy has a commitment to making a positive impact in our communities and we are happy to coordinate this delivery of viable milk to the Open Door Mission so that children can continue to receive the nutritious benefits provided by milk while they are out of school,” said Loren Rohl, General Manager.

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