

Omaha Steaks Donates to Mercy Chefs and Feeding America® to Aid Disaster Relief Preparation



(Omaha, Neb., June 15, 2021) – Omaha Steaks, America’s Original Butcher, announced today a donation of 6,250 pounds of premium-quality top sirloin steaks, totaling 20,000 portions, to disaster relief charity Mercy Chefs and 6,000 packages of shelf-stable steak snacks to Feeding America®, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

Omaha Steaks will have the steaks readily available for Mercy Chefs’ mobile kitchens and professional chefs to provide restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers and first responders in national emergencies and natural disasters. Feeding America included the steak snacks in pre-packed disaster relief boxes that are staged throughout their nationwide network of food banks to distribute quickly in the event of a disaster.

“At Omaha Steaks, serving others is at the very core of who we are, from serving our customers to serving our communities,” said Todd Simon, fifth-generation family owner, Omaha Steaks. “Many times, food donations to disaster relief efforts occur after the disaster has happened. Ensuring food security for impacted families means being prepared before a disaster strikes. Omaha Steaks is helping our partners prepare for hurricane season with tens of thousands of servings of high-quality, premium protein and steak snacks.”

Chef Gary LeBlanc, Mercy Chefs Founder and CEO comments, “At Mercy Chefs, we believe amazing things happen over a shared meal. With this donation, we’ll be able to make over 20,000 high-quality, hot meals with an incredible, elevated product. This premium-quality top sirloin steak will be a delight for our chefs to work with, and a real blessing to the folks we serve that have just lost everything due to a natural disaster.”

“When disaster strikes, Feeding America member food banks are on the ground ready to provide food assistance and emergency supplies. We are grateful to Omaha Steaks for their generous donation and for helping our neighbors when they need it most,” said Patrick Crawford, Managing Director of Disaster Services at Feeding America.

About Omaha Steaks®

Omaha Steaks, America’s Original Butcher, founded in 1917, is an Omaha, Nebraska-based, fifth-generation, family-owned company, with a long history of supporting food security through long-standing relationships with food banks, and partnerships with national organizations to provide food to those in need during natural disasters and during the pandemic. Omaha Steaks markets and distributes a wide variety of the finest quality USDA-approved, grain-fed beef and other gourmet foods including seafood, pork, poultry, slow cooker and skillet meals, side dishes, appetizers, and desserts. Today, Omaha Steaks is recognized as the nation’s largest direct response marketer of premium beef and gourmet foods, available to customers by calling 1-800-228-9055, online at www.OmahaSteaks.com or at retail stores nationwide.

About Mercy Chefs

Mercy Chefs is a 501(c)(3) founded in 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The organization exists to provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers and first responders in natural disasters and national emergencies, and partners with existing ministries with food service in underserved communities around the country. Since its founding, Mercy Chefs has served over 15 million meals. Mercy Chefs has responded over 140 times in 15 years to 26 states and 9 foreign countries. In 2020, Mercy Chefs founder Gary LeBlanc was recognized by *Southern Living Magazine* as a “Hometown Hero,” and Mercy Chefs was named the 2020 Small Business of the Year in the nonprofit category by Inside

Business and the Hampton Roads Chamber. For more information, visit MercyChefs.com.

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 40 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. Individuals, charities, businesses, and government all have a role in ending hunger. Donate. Volunteer. Advocate. Educate. Together we can solve hunger. Visit www.feedingamerica.org, find us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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