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Empower Missouri Recipient of 2016 Grant From MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Empower Missouri has been selected to receive a 2016 grant from MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Abby Leibman, President and CEO of the national anti-hunger advocacy organization stated in announcing the award, “Despite the great political and budgetary challenges facing anti-hunger programs, Empower Missouri has reported important accomplishments and successes over the past year. We are honored to partner with Empower Missouri.”

The MAZON/Empower Missouri partnership will be for policy work and advocacy. Jeanette Mott Oxford, executive director of Empower Missouri, said, “We are very thankful for the support of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Public policy matters greatly as we seek to reduce Missouri’s deep poverty and hunger.”

Oxford continued, “We are especially monitoring the impact of the implementation of Senate Bill 24 from 2015 and the current federal debate around the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act. The choices we make must show compassion and a realistic assessment of the cost of living and the number of living wage jobs that are available in Missouri counties with the highest unemployment.”

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About MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger:

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (<http://mazon.org>) is a national nonprofit organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel.

About Empower Missouri:

Empower Missouri, founded in 1901, advocates for the well-being of all Missourians through civic leadership, education, and research. Empower Missouri organizes efforts to reduce hunger through a Hunger Task Force - <http://empowermissouri.org/task-forces/hunger/>