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DOORWAYS RECEIVES FOOD SECURITY GRANT FROM BAYER FUND

This award addresses hunger among DOORWAYS clients and also highlights the importance of #WorldFoodDay on October 16, 2019 that seeks to achieve #ZEROHUNGER

St. Louis, MO: Each year DOORWAYS provides housing and supportive services to over 3,000 people who are homeless or unstably housed and affected by HIV/AIDS. With zero income or very low income, many DOORWAYS' clients also experience food insecurity. Intake surveys reveal that half of our clients in emergency housing and permanent housing had experienced weight loss in the three months prior to intake due to lack of food; 67% reported going without food for at least one day; 22% went without food three or more days.

Thanks to a grant from Bayer Fund, clients identified to be in food crisis during the housing process will receive food vouchers to fill their household's immediate food need. Voucher values are based on family size for one week of food. This assures that basic needs are met while moving into their housing as DOORWAYS coordinators assist with enrollment into food assistance programs, locating food banks, and securing a source of income—among other services. Additional weeks of food vouchers may be allocated for those households in need of further stabilization.

"We are very grateful to Bayer Fund for responding to the food security challenges of our clients," noted Opal M. Jones, President & CEO of DOORWAYS. "This award will allow us to provide 330 weeks of food to 110 households experiencing hunger. With **World Food Day approaching on October 16**, it's important that we all affirm the importance of eradicating hunger for future generations. It's clear Bayer Fund is committed to this and leading the way!"

Bayer Fund—formerly known as Monsanto Fund—seeks to strengthen the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work. They provide funding for food and nutrition, education, and community development projects. During 2018, Bayer Fund (operating as Monsanto Fund) awarded \$18.2 million in grants to more than 2,000 charities and nonprofit organizations globally.

#WorldFoodDay is a program of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to promote worldwide awareness and action to achieve #ZeroHunger (<http://www.fao.org/world-food-day>).

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