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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Doubles Contributions to Western Montana Food Banks

November 6, 2008 Missoula, Mont - Blackfoot Telecommunications Group today announced their plans to double contributions to Missoula and five Western Montana Food Banks in light of record breaking food shortages in the communities they serve. While demand for food is increasing, area food banks are seeing food supplies and cash donations drastically decreasing. Like their customers, food banks are also suffering from high gas prices and struggling with the impact of rising food prices on their operations.

"From Noxon to Philipsburg and from Missoula to Condon the communities we serve are struggling to provide for their families. Blackfoot was there for our customers when they needed phone service in 1954, and we are here for them today," said Joan Mandeville, CEO of Blackfoot Telecommunications Group.

In addition to their charitable donation, Blackfoot employees have organized an internal food drive, through November 15, to help families before the Thanksgiving holiday. To date, over 300 lbs of food has been collected and will be distributed to the Missoula Food Bank. Blackfoot gives today for a better tomorrow.

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About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot Telecommunications Group(Blackfoot) was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 165 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

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