

At a time when hunger in Oklahoma is at an all-time high, National Steak & Poultry, a food manufacturer located in Owasso, is donating 34,000 pounds of sirloin and chicken to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The food will be delivered to the food bank, 1304 N. Kenosha Ave., the morning of Dec. 30.

“We value our partnership with NSP because they provide highly nutritious protein items to the hungry, which are oftentimes hard to come by,” said Sara Waggoner, executive director of the food bank. “We know that the 440 partner programs we serve will greatly appreciate the donation, especially since they are experiencing about a 40-percent increase in the number of people coming to them for food assistance.” Since partnering with the food bank in 1997, NSP has donated more than 200,000 pounds of food. “The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma has always been the most important of our community outreach programs,” said David Albright, CEO of the company. “It helps so many families and allows us to give back to Oklahomans.” In its annual report on food security, the U.S. Agriculture Department puts Oklahoma as fourth in the nation in hunger, with 6.5 percent of the state’s population reporting hunger, the highest number since it started tracking food security. «