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## **KOCH COMPANY EMPLOYEES DONATE \$23,500**

WICHITA, KANSAS - - Employees of Koch Companies finalized their 2005 food drive for the Kansas Food Bank with a \$23,500 check today. The check was presented by INVISTA's Jeff Walker, Chairman & CEO, Gwen Sauer, INVISTA, Leslie Smith, Koch Minerals, and Lesa Bullins, Koch Pipeline Company. In addition to the almost 50 percent increase in cash contributions this year, employees within the Koch Industries Wichita complex also donated more than 11,200 pounds of food.

Eight Koch teams representing 13 Koch companies participated in the 2005 Food Drive. Since 1999, Koch employees have sponsored a Afriendly@ competition@ food drive every holiday season. Employees of INVISTA, which produces and markets fibers, intermediates and polymers worldwide, won the drive for the second year in a row. Koch Mineral Services employees claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Koch Pipeline Company employees placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"There has been an increased demand for food from working families whose income simply does not provide enough for housing, medicine, clothing and food. Too often children are forced to skip a meal," Brian Walker, Executive Director of the Kansas Food Bank said. "We really appreciate the support we have received from the Koch teams over the years. This donation couldn't come at a better time when the demand at our network of hunger-relief agencies continues to grow. This will certainly help us fill the gap for those people who need a helping hand."

The Kansas Food Bank provides food to over 32,600 people each week across the State of Kansas through a network of over 400 hunger-relief agencies.