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Smithfield Foods Donates \$75,000 to Milan School District As Part of Company's Learners to Leaders™ Program

MILAN, Mo. (January 15, 2008) – Smithfield Foods, Inc. on Monday donated \$75,000 to the Milan C-2 School District's Learning Resource Center as part of the company's Learners to Leaders™ program.

The money is scheduled to be used to provide the library with additional resource materials such as books, encyclopedias, computer software and software for English Language Learners (ELL).

During a presentation at the Learning Resource Center Monday, Dennis Treacy, vice president of environmental and corporate affairs for Smithfield Foods, said, "We're passionate about creating a better future through education, and the employees of Smithfield Foods and our independent operating companies are committed to making a difference in the communities where we live, work and raise families.

"We hope that our donation to the Learning Resource Center will help Milan students fulfill their potential and, in turn, strengthen the local community," Treacy added.

Farmland Foods, a Smithfield Foods independent operating company, has a facility in Milan.

Founded in 2006, Smithfield's Learners to Leaders program is a national educational alliance that strengthens communities by providing individuals with learning opportunities that inspire them to become tomorrow's leaders. The alliance's goal is to help reinforce what organizers believe is the most critical part of any community's

foundation, the education of its residents. Learners to Leaders is funded by the Smithfield-Luter Foundation.

With sales of \$12 billion, Smithfield Foods is the leading processor and marketer of fresh pork and processed meats in the United States, as well as the largest producer of hogs. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com.

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