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A family that feeds the hungry

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Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) Facilities Maintenance Manager Kim Galvin is a prolific volunteer. Her work in the community is far-reaching — from repairing the homes of elderly residents to guest teaching in Chicago public schools to organizing recycling drives. She is a champion of green initiatives at the airline and dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion through American's Employee Business Resource Groups (EBRGs).

Kim is passionate about supporting her community and instills that giving spirit in her children, especially when it comes to hunger relief. Kim and her kids, 13-year-old Brennan and 11-year-old Katelyn, spend their free time preparing and delivering meals to homeless shelters and hosting monthly food packing events that benefit hungry children around the world.

"I want my kids to know how fortunate we are to simply go to the refrigerator for food when we are hungry," Kim said. "And because of that privilege, we have the responsibility to give back to those in need and make the world a better place."

In September, Kim helped mobilize her ORD colleagues to support Hunger Action Month™ through American's partner Feeding America®, the largest domestic hunger-relief organization in the country. Throughout the month, American team members spear-headed dozens of volunteer events at Feeding America food banks nationwide, including in Nashville, San Antonio and Washington, D.C.

In Chicago, Kim and her family joined team members at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for a food packing event. The group of volunteers was smaller than usual because of social distance restrictions, but even still, in one session they packed more than 20,000 pounds of food for local families in need. Kim says they plan to do more events with the food depository on top of their regular cadence of volunteering. "You just have to make the time

and everything else will fall into place," she said.

In addition to hunger relief efforts, Kim is committed to preserving our environment and repurposing items to cut down on waste. Part of Kim's job duties include managing environmental regulatory issues, and she takes her work a step further to repurpose items that would have been thrown away. Through her charitable approach to recycling, she has donated blankets, clothing, furniture and other items to benefit local shelters and organizations.

Kim is a recipient of American's highest honor, the Annual Chairman's Award, and she received the 2013 Earl G. Graves Award for Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion. She was recognized by O'Hare Airport with the O'Hare Wings of Vision Award for her contributions to the airport community. Additionally, she is one of the founding members of ORD's Living Green EBRG for team members dedicated to protecting the environment.

Kim inspires others to get involved and has developed a network of volunteers that she credits with helping her make an impact. "We are lucky to work for an amazing company that supports volunteerism, so I encourage my colleagues to use their talents to create good in the world. I couldn't do half of what I do without the like-minded people who love giving back as much as I do."

Kim and her daughter Katelyn at a food packing event in Chicago

Kim, Brennan and Katelyn after a volunteer event in Chicago

Team members in Nashville volunteer for Hunger Action Month