

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC Receives City Proclamation for Hunger Action Month

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina received a proclamation from the Town of Boone stating that September 2010 is Hunger Action Month. The proclamation was presented on August 26, 2010. Second Harvest Food Bank distributed 589,154 pounds of food into Watauga County in 2009-2010, saving partner agencies in that county \$682,146.

Second Harvest Food Bank and its national network, Feeding America, are asking all Americans to take action during September to fight domestic hunger. The need in this country and in this state is tremendous – but so is the impact that our community can have. Forty nine million Americans live in food insecure households. Locally, 1 in 8 residents of Northwest North Carolina struggle with hunger and 1 in 5 North Carolina children go to bed not knowing where their next meal will come from.

Throughout Hunger Action Month, Feeding America's nationwide network of more than 200 food banks is calling upon communities to take action through the "30 Ways in 30 Days" campaign. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or giving of time and energy, everyone is encouraged to find the way that's right for them to make a difference during Hunger Action Month.

Second Harvest Food Bank's 30 ways in 30 days calendar is attached for more information and can also be found at www.hungernwnc.org.

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina is a member of Feeding America. It is the major distributor of donated food and grocery products in the region, collecting and distributing products to nearly 400 nonprofit partner agencies that annually feed thousands of people in need throughout 18 counties (Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Caswell, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin). Since opening in 1982, Second Harvest Food Bank has distributed more than 100 million pounds of food and grocery products. Second Harvest Food Bank receives donations from national donors through Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest); local food manufacturers and distributors; local grocery stores, caterers and restaurants; USDA commodity programs; a State Nutrition Assistance Program grant, and community food drives. It is also a member of United Way of Forsyth County. To learn more, please visit www.hungernwnc.org.

About Feeding America (Formerly America's Second Harvest—The Nation's Food Bank Network)

Feeding America is the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through its network of more than 200 member food banks, Feeding America annually provides assistance to more than 25 million people in need, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each year, Feeding America secures and distributes more than 2 billion pounds of food and grocery products to support feeding programs at approximately 63,000 local charitable

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agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and Kids Cafes. To learn more, please visit www.feedingamerica.org.