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of SANTA CLARA and SAN MATEO COUNTIES

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Second Harvest Food Bank Receives Grant from Walmart Foundation

Grant will be instrumental in helping Second Harvest distribute millions of pounds of donated food to its neighbors in need

SAN JOSE, Calif., June 1, 2014 – Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties recently received a \$52,500 grant from the Walmart Foundation to help support and expand its Grocery Rescue Program. The grant is part of the Walmart Foundation's \$2 billion commitment to fight domestic hunger over five years through its "Fighting Hunger Together" initiative.

Through this grant, Second Harvest will hire a new Grocery Rescue Program coordinator, who will help the Food Bank expand the program, which "rescues" food that is close to its expiration date or is cosmetically challenged. The food may not be suitable for retail shelves, but it is still fresh and nutritious.

Currently, Second Harvest has one food resource manager who is responsible for the Grocery Rescue program. The additional coordinator will allow Second Harvest to expand the program, ensuring that the Food Bank has the resources and ability to effectively partner with current and new retail partners to pick up and source the additional donated food.

Each year, Second Harvest helps source more than 2 million pounds of food from national and local grocery stores to its partner nonprofit agencies, which then distribute that food to our neighbors in need. Donated food from the Grocery Rescue program is currently distributed at 39 sites overseen by Second Harvest's network of partner organizations.

The new coordinator will focus on visiting each retail store currently participating in the Grocery Rescue program, as well as new stores being added to the program. Second Harvest has identified 73 new national and regional/local stores that are interested in participating in this program and making a difference for thousands of local residents in need of food assistance. The new coordinator will be instrumental in identifying program expansion and optimization opportunities.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties is the trusted leader dedicated to ending local hunger. Since its inception in 1974, Second Harvest has become one of the largest food banks in the nation, providing food to one quarter of a million people each month. The Food Bank mobilizes individuals, companies and community partners to connect people to the nutritious food they need. More than half of the food distributed is fresh produce. Second Harvest also plays a leading role in promoting federal nutrition programs and educating families on how to make healthier food choices. Visit www.SHFB.org to get involved.

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