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MISSION SUPPORT ALLIANCE TO SUPPORT SECOND HARVEST

RICHLAND, Wash. – Mission Support Alliance (MSA) is excited to announce a new partnership with Second Harvest to support childhood hunger relief. With 1 in 4 children in the Mid-Columbia experiencing food insecurity, Second Harvest works to provide relief in several ways.

MSA will be sponsoring an elementary school for Second Harvest’s Bite2Go program, which provides weekend food supplies for students. Each Bite2Go kit includes food supplies that cover four meals and three snacks that are nutritious, easy-to-open, non-perishable and don’t require cooking. Holly Siler, Regional Executive Director for Second Harvest, highlights the need of this program, “More than 50% of children in the Tri-Cities rely on free and reduced school meals, translating to a lot of need over the weekends. Children returning to school on Monday hungry lack the energy and focus to concentrate on curriculum. Generous partners such as MSA have enabled Second Harvest to feed over 350 kids in eight elementary schools. This donation will allow Second Harvest to open the Bite2Go program a tenth high-need, local school. We can’t stress enough how important community partners are in fighting hunger and its many long term health and learning implications in children.”

To kick off this new partnership, MSA employees will volunteer to sort food for a school mobile food bank at Second Harvest. MSA President Bill Johnson says, “Hunger in our community is a real problem and Second Harvest offers unique and effective initiatives to help. Through our sponsorship and our employee volunteerism, we are proud to help make an impact and ensure that fewer children in the Tri-Cities go hungry.”

Media outlets are invited to join MSA and Second Harvest for this volunteer opportunity and presentation of the check.

WHEN: Friday, January 27 from 9 – 11 a.m.

WHERE: Second Harvest Warehouse – 5825 Burlington Loop in Pasco

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About Second Harvest

Second Harvest was founded in 1971 as a central warehouse for a handful of emergency food pantries in Spokane. Today, hunger solution centers in Spokane and the Tri-Cities partner with 250 neighborhood food banks and meal centers to feed more than 55,000 hungry people each week. Second Harvest provides 2 million pounds of free food each month to fill nutritional gaps for people in poverty, the working poor, elderly and disabled people on very low fixed incomes, and children and families in temporary crisis. Second Harvest gets food to where it's needed most in 21 counties in Eastern Washington and five counties in North Idaho – a service territory that spans just over 51,000 square miles. Second Harvest works to feed hope, fight hunger and foster health in the community.

About MSA

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