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**FOOD FIGHT WINNERS ANNOUNCED  
Local Businesses Bring in 80,000 Pounds of Food**

**St. Joseph, Mo.— October 5, 2011—** As September comes to a close so does our corporate food drive. This year we had 30 local businesses take part in Food Fight 2011. In total they brought in 40,000 pounds of food and raised \$20,000. Making for a grand total donation of 80,000 pounds; that equals nearly 66,000 meals provided to help feed hungry neighbors.

The month of September was Hunger Action Month and to correlate with that the fourth annual Food Fight food drive was conducted. Businesses were divided into categories based on the number of employees at their business. They competed against each other to raise the most food and funds. When businesses made a financial contribution the money was converted into pounds. The conversion rate was \$1 equaled two pounds of food.

In the category of Spoon (1-25 employees) the winner is The Waldinger Corporation raising 600 pounds of food. In the category of Ladle (26-100 employees) the winner is Pepsi Beverages Company raising 2,435 pounds. In the Soup (101-200 employees) category Apple Market was the winner bringing in 39,687 pounds and in the Stock Pot category (200+ employees) American Family Insurance was the winner bringing in 26,617 pounds.

“It is inspiring when people and organizations act on the belief that hunger is unacceptable,” said David Davenport, chief executive officer, Second Harvest Community Food Bank. “Our Food Fight 2011 partners went above and beyond to make sure food is available for the over 11,000 clients served every week by Second Harvest. We cannot thank them enough.”

The winners in each category will receive the Golden Can Award at a private luncheon at the Benton Club hosted by Davenport.

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*The vision of Second Harvest Community Food Bank is to end hunger in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas. Second Harvest Community Food Bank provides food assistance for food pantries, food kitchens, crisis centers, shelters and other nonprofits to the following counties (Missouri): Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway and Worth; (Kansas): Atchison, Brown, Doniphan and Leavenworth.*