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SECOND HARVEST COMMUNITY FOOD BANK ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

St. Joseph, Mo.— October 12, 2011— After nearly a four month period and 20 applicants Second Harvest Community Food Bank is proud to announce our new Chief Operating Officer (COO), Tamara Grubb. She will take the reins as COO beginning Wednesday, October 19. Grubb was selected from a field of applicants that included solid talent both inside and outside the Feeding America system.

“I am excited to be a part of a dedicated team working to eradicate hunger. I believe that having nutritious food is a right of every man, women and child, not a privilege,” Grubb said.

Grubb has been a lifelong resident of St. Joseph and is a 1999 graduate of Benton High School. She has two children, Zachary, 11, and Savannah, 10.

Grubb brings with her a wide range of skills including: creative branding and new product introduction, compensation, benefits design and cost containment, accounting, budgeting and fiscal management, direct understanding and knowledge of our organization’s programs, marketing and development strategies and social media, corporate vision and strategic and operational planning, maintenance of inventory stock, supply levels and cost point management, just to name a few. Grubb has been the Director of Operations at RQ2, a technology firm located in St. Joseph from 1999-2006 and 2008-2011.

“The greatest experience I bring to benefit Second Harvest is the willingness and ability to accept change,” Grubb said. “In the .com world if you continue to operate the same way day in and day out, and accept mediocrities you are quickly passed by the competition. As a non-profit, or .org we need to be able to spot our efficiencies and inefficiencies and make the necessary changes to better serve our cause.”

Grubb is excited to get started and is ready to support the mission of Second Harvest to help end hunger in our region.

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“I am very thankful to be selected as the Chief Operating Officer,” Grubb said. “It is a tremendous opportunity and I look forward to working with the dedicated staff, board of directors and others to end hunger in our area.”

Some of Grubb’s responsibilities will include: being a member of the strategic leadership team and serve as public advocate for policies, establishes procedures and controls for safe and efficient movement and preservation of product, establishes budget and monitors and approves expenses for purchases and serves alongside the Chief Development Officer and Chief Executive Officer to set the course for day to day operations of Second Harvest.

A breakfast reception is planned to help welcome Grubb to Second Harvest. It is set for Friday, October 21 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. The community is invited to come and meet Grubb and hear her plans for Second Harvest.

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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.