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MISSOURI GOVERNOR SIGNS FOOD PANTRY TAX CREDIT INTO LAW

St. Joseph, Mo.— March 29, 2013— Second Harvest Community Food Bank, and our Partner Agencies will be able to benefit from the Food Pantry Tax Credits once again. Governor Jay Nixon has signed Senate Bill 20 into law, reinstating \$1.25 million in tax credits. Donations made from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2019 will qualify for the tax credits.

“We are incredibly pleased that SB 20 has been signed by the Governor. We greatly appreciate the support of each Missouri elected official who supported these tax credits to donors who give to food pantries,” said Rachel Graves, chief development officer at Second Harvest. “This is a win for the 35,000 Northwest Missourians who do not know where their next meal will come from.”

The previous Food Pantry Tax Credits expired August 28, 2011. Gifts made to Second Harvest and designated to Fresh Start, Your Community Market now qualify for a 50 percent tax credit. All individuals will qualify for this credit for donations up to \$5,000.

The reinstatement of tax credits comes at a perfect time for Second Harvest, as the Food Justice Movement (Annual Fund Campaign) is in full swing and any donations made before May 30 will count toward the Movement’s totals.

To learn more about the Food Justice Movement, visit www.OurCommunityFoodBank.org/FJM or to learn more about the Food Pantry Tax Credit, call Rachel Graves, chief development officer at 816.364.FOOD.

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The vision of Second Harvest Community Food Bank is to build hunger-free communities in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas by nourishing our neighbors. Second Harvest provides food assistance through Partner Agencies and direct service programs. Second Harvest’s sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator.