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JOHNSON CONTROLS IS STEPPING UP BY PLAYING IN THE DIRT

St. Joseph, Mo.— April 24, 2013— Johnson Controls is taking the lead in making Second Harvest Community Food Bank’s onsite garden a huge success. On Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. employees from Johnson Controls, as well as the general public, will be in our garden preparing it for the planting season.

“Second Harvest is grateful to see a local corporation doing so much to give back to a local organization that serves the community,” said Aaron Smullin, public relations specialist at Second Harvest. “Johnson Controls is a perfect example of neighbor helping neighbor, all the while being part of the solution to hunger.”

Johnson Controls, and in particular, Rebecca Shuster, Johnson Control’s senior human resources supervisor, have gone above and beyond to get The Garden off on the right foot. Johnson Controls has not only donated \$1000, but has helped to secure numerous donations and has given countless hours of their time to prepare The Garden for planting season.

The mission of The Garden is to be a low-cost, low-technology demonstration garden that teaches sustainable gardening techniques accessible to all community members. As an educational resource, The Garden provides access to instruction and practices that are designed to empower community members to grow healthy, nutrient-dense food. The Garden is a place to learn how to grow your own food, using minimal resources and using time-tested techniques that provide chemical-free fruit and vegetables. This year, produce from The Garden will go towards supplementing our Senior Box program. The Senior Box program provides a 35 pound box of healthy food to seniors once a month.

The community is invited to join us Saturday to learn about general gardening techniques, how to build a hoop house and how to make a compost pile. Lunch is sponsored by Johnson Controls and will be provided free of charge for those who attend. This event will be the first annual day of action sponsored by Johnson Controls.

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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.