

Second Harvest Receives Grant from Million Dollar Round Table Foundation

St. Joseph, Mo. (March 13, 2015) — The MDRT Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to Second Harvest Community Food Bank to provide nutritious weekend meals for youth in underserved communities in Northwest Missouri.

Through its global grants, the MDRT Foundation is committed to building stronger families and communities around the globe. This year, the MDRT Foundation will award nearly \$1 million in MDRT member-endorsed grants to more than 100 charitable organizations worldwide.

Representing the MDRT Foundation, Paul Rhodes, CLTC, Qualifying and Lifetime Member MDRT, will present this grant to Second Harvest Community Food Bank on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10:30 AM at Second Harvest, 915 Douglas, Saint Joseph, MO.

According to Department of Education statistics, over 17,000 elementary school students in Second Harvest's 15-county service area in Missouri are eligible for free and reduced school lunches. This makes the children at risk for hunger, which affects their health, performance and concentration at school. Backpack Buddies is the supplemental weekend feeding program that provides elementary school children with a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack each weekend during the 36-week school year, including holidays. Thanks to the support of the MDRT Foundation, six children will receive a healthy breakfast, lunch, snack and fruit on the weekends. The cost is \$150 to sponsor one child for an entire school year of 36 weeks. If all elementary school children in the service area that qualify for free or reduced lunches could receive backpacks, the cost would run over \$2.4 million for each school year.

"We are grateful for the interest and support of the MDRT Foundation," said Chad Higdon, Second Harvest executive director. "This program, which is part of our Nourishing Children Initiative, ensures that children in our service territory receive nutritious meals over the weekends. We rely on a large number of generous donations from individuals and businesses to help fund this important initiative."

About the MDRT Foundation

The MDRT Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Million Dollar Round Table, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®. MDRT is an international, independent association of nearly 42,000 of the world's best life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 80 countries and territories. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional product knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of sales excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$29 million in more than 70 countries throughout the

world and in all 50 U.S. states. These funds were raised by MDRT members and industry partners. For more information, visit mdrtfoundation.org or mdrt.org.

About Second Harvest

The vision of Second Harvest Community Food Bank is to build hunger-free communities in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas. 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. For more information, visit www.ourcommunityfoodbank.org.

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