



COMMUNITY HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NE INDIANA, INC., RECEIVES NEW REFRIGERATED FOOD TRUCK FROM THE WALMART FOUNDATION
Vehicle Will Help the Region's Growing Hungry

Fort Wayne, Ind. [December 2010] – At a time when more and more families in **Fort Wayne** face the threat of going hungry, **Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Inc.** and Feeding America announced today that the Walmart Foundation has donated a refrigerated food delivery truck to the Feeding America member.

The vehicle is being provided by a grant through the Feeding America Strategic Partnership Investments Program in conjunction with the Walmart Foundation, and will be used to deliver fruit, vegetables and other perishable foods to food pantries, soup kitchens and other emergency feeding centers serving 90,000 hungry people annually throughout **Northeast Indiana**. The truck, worth \$94,346, will allow CHFBI to increase the amount of food it picks up and distributes for northeast Indiana's hungry.

According to Jane Avery, executive director of Community Harvest Food Bank, "We are so grateful to the Walmart Foundation for this truck. This addition to our fleet will allow us to more efficiently provide food assistance to the folks in our nine county service area who need it most. We set the table for 21,100 people every week. That's 15% of the population of northeast Indiana – a staggering figure. However, with great corporate partners like Walmart we are able to provide the most pounds of food per person in poverty than any other food bank in Indiana. Walmart "gets it" and we couldn't be more proud of our partnership with them."

The USDA reports that 49 million Americans are food insecure. Feeding America's network serves 37 million Americans annually, including 17 million children and nearly 3 million seniors. Hunger is a national crisis and Feeding America and Walmart continue to work to find ways to alleviate hunger in this nation.

Walmart recently announced a \$2 billion commitment to help end hunger in America. Through the "Fighting Hunger Together" initiative, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation will give \$250 million in grants to hunger relief organizations and donate more than 1.1 billion pounds of food from Walmart stores, distribution centers and Sam's Club locations, valued at \$1.75 billion. As hunger relief is now an integral part of the Foundation's work, the Foundation seeks to fund initiatives that ensures that every man, woman and child has access to adequate food.

About Walmart Foundation

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. The Walmart Foundation funds initiatives focused on education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. From Feb. 1, 2009 through Jan. 31, 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation gave more than \$467 million in cash and in-kind gifts, including donating 127 million pounds of nutritious food to U.S. food banks. Internationally, Walmart gave \$45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to charitable organizations. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

About Feeding America

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United

States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/FeedingAmerica or follow our news on Twitter at twitter.com/FeedingAmerica.

About Community Harvest Food Bank of NE Indiana, Inc.

Community Harvest Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in northeast Indiana, annually distributing nearly 10 million pounds of food. Community Harvest collects wholesome surplus food and grocery products donated by the food industry and other donors – products that might otherwise go to a landfill – and utilizes it for hunger relief. The food is distributed by its network of 470 member agencies serving 21,100 unduplicated clients per week throughout its nine northeast Indiana county service area. These agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, rehabilitation centers, and youth and senior citizen programs. Community Harvest Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIH). For more information, visit www.chfb.org.

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