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Second Harvest Heartland Announces New Board Members and Officers for 2016 Fiscal Year

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (October 26, 2015)—Second Harvest Heartland today announced new members to its board of directors. Members play a critical role in helping the organization fulfill its mission of ending hunger through community partnerships.

Shawn P. O’Grady, General Mills, Sr. Vice President, President, Sales and Channel Development – Mr. O’Grady was named to his current position in August 2010 after joining General Mills in the marketing organization in July 1990. Mr. O’Grady holds a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Notre Dame and a MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Dr. Jon Pryor, Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Chief Executive Officer – Dr. Pryor joined HCMC as CEO in April 2013. Before joining HCMC, he was CEO of The Medical College of Physicians, the Medical College of Wisconsin’s clinical practice group of physicians, advanced practice providers and other staff. Dr. Pryor has an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and was awarded a Bush Medical Fellowship in 2005. Dr. Pryor was a faculty member at the University of Minnesota Medical School for 15 years including Chair of the Department of Urologic Surgery from 2001-2006.

Marie Zimmerman, MN Department of Human Services, State Medicaid Director – Ms. Zimmerman oversees program-wide Medicaid policy development and implementation across the administrations at DHS, including Health Care, Chemical and Mental Health, and Continuing Care. Ms. Zimmerman has a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the University of St Thomas in Minnesota and a master’s in public policy from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

The following current board members were elected as officers: Peter Lawyer, Boston Consulting Group senior partner and managing director, will serve as chair. Tom Butterfield, TCF Financial Corporation executive vice president and CIO, will serve as past chair. Greg Hilding, Bremer Bank, secretary group president Region 2, will serve as vice chair. Bill McDonald, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP partner, will serve as secretary. Jamie Rice, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota SVP and chief transformation officer, will serve as treasurer.

Second Harvest Heartland collaborates with community partners to feed hungry neighbors. It aspires to be the trusted source in hunger relief for delivering results, stewarding donations for maximum impact,
and offering bold leadership to solve an old, but evolving problem. The board is responsible for the governance of the organization, setting policies and overall priorities.

“We are fortunate to have such strong, highly respected community leaders helping us achieve our goals. We look forward to continuing to build innovative ways to best serve the needs of those who are hungry within our communities,” said Rob Zeaske, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland.

New members began their board terms on Oct. 1, 2015.

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About Second Harvest Heartland
Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation’s largest, most efficient and most innovative food banks. In 2014, we delivered more than 74 million meals to over 1,000 food shelves, pantries and other partner programs serving 59 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Second Harvest Heartland helps relieve hunger not only by sourcing, warehousing and distributing food, but also through data-driven thought leadership and community partnerships that help improve the region’s larger hunger relief system. For more information, visit 2harvest.org or call 651.484.5117.