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SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND RECEIVES MORGAN STANLEY GRANT TO EXPAND PROGRAM DELIVERING NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ***\$50,000 Grant Will Fund "School Pantry Program"***

St. Paul — October 20, 2016—Second Harvest Heartland today announced a \$50,000 grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation to fund its School Pantry program, a child hunger initiative that helps to make sure low-income families have a readily accessible source of healthy and nutritious food to prepare at home.

The grant is part of the Morgan Stanley Foundation's recently announced \$8 million, four-year pledge to support Feeding America, a nationwide network of 200 food banks, and its children's hunger and produce programs. Since the firm's partnership with Feeding America launched in 2009, the Foundation has given over \$21 million, including \$150,000 to Second Harvest Heartland.

"We are thrilled to receive this important grant from the Morgan Stanley Foundation in support of our efforts to deliver more nutritious meals to children and families," said Rob Zeaske, chief executive officer of Second Harvest Heartland. "Morgan Stanley and its employees provide vital support to Second Harvest Heartland with generous financial contributions such as this grant, in addition to many hours volunteering."

"We are honored to be able to help Second Harvest Heartland in its important fight against child hunger," said Morgan Stanley Complex Manager Mark Gherity. "Our employees volunteer regularly with Second Harvest Heartland, so we are delighted to extend our support through this grant and provide even more children with the foods they need to learn, grow and thrive."

"Grants like this from Morgan Stanley make a vital difference in our efforts to provide children with the nutritious meals they need every day," said Nancy Curby, Interim Senior Vice President of Development at Feeding America. "More than 13 million children in the United States live at risk of hunger. Together, we can solve hunger and ensure that children have the fuel they need to grow healthy and strong."

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Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative hunger relief organizations. Second Harvest Heartland provides an average of 75 percent of all food distributed by its food shelf partners, and in 2015, provided more than 77 million meals to nearly 1,000 food shelves, pantries and other partner programs serving 59 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Second Harvest Heartland leads through innovation, finding efficient, effective solutions to connect the full resources of our community with our hungry neighbors. For more information, visit 2harvest.org or call 651.484.5117.