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**SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND RECEIVES \$87,500 GIFT
TO SUPPORT SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

***Donation Made Possible by the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
and Feeding America***

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (June 15, 2017)—Second Harvest Heartland is excited to announce that it has been awarded a \$87,500 grant to support the food bank’s efforts to serve hungry seniors. The grant is one of twelve awarded by Feeding America® and is made possible by funding from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation. It is the largest investment Feeding America has made to date to support senior hunger programs.

“In Minnesota, seniors are the fastest-growing segment of the population visiting food shelves,” said Rob Zeaske, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland. “This grant will help us reach more of our older neighbors who need help with food.”

Last year, the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation announced the launch of the Fill Your Tank program, one of the largest donations aimed at fighting hunger around the globe. As part of the program, Enterprise is supporting Feeding America and its network of food banks to strengthen programs aimed at combatting senior and child hunger.

Enterprise Holdings Foundation Vice President and Executive Director Carolyn Kindle Betz said, “Enterprise Rent-A-Car is woven into the fabric of communities across the country. Seniors with food

insecurity is an issue in many of these communities and our donation and partnership with Feeding America will help address this critical need.”

Second Harvest Heartland is one of 200 food banks in the Feeding America network that collectively provides food assistance to 46 million Americans struggling with hunger. Grant funds will help Second Harvest Heartland reach more seniors in senior housing with food assistance. Grant funds will also help the food bank strengthen partnerships with United Community Action Partnership to serve seniors in Lincoln and Lyon counties and Prairie Five Community Action to serve seniors in Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle and Swift counties.

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About Second Harvest Heartland

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 2016, provided more than 80 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.

About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the nationwide network of 200 food banks that leads the fight against hunger in the United States. Together, we provide food to more than 46 million people through 60,000 food pantries and meal programs in communities across America. Feeding America also supports programs that improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.

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