GOD’S PANTRY FOOD BANK EARNED COVETED 4-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

(Lexington, 8/21/2019) – God’s Pantry Food Bank recently earned the organization’s 12th consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. The 4-star rating is a result of The Food Bank maintaining sound fiscal management practices and a commitment to accountability and transparency in its efforts to feed kids, teens, families and seniors across Central and Eastern Kentucky.

Since 2002, using objective analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These Accountability & Transparency metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity’s overall rating, reveal which charities operate in accordance with industry best practices and whether they are open with their donors and stakeholders. On June 1, 2016, we upgraded our methodology for rating each charity’s financial health with CN 2.1. These enhancements further substantiates the financial health of our four star charities.

“An exceptional 4-star rating sets God’s Pantry Food Bank apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public,” according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. “Only a quarter of charities rated by Charity Navigator receive the distinction of our 4-star rating. This adds The Food Bank to a preeminent group of charities working to overcome our world’s most pressing challenges. Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support the Food Bank.”

“The God’s Pantry Food Bank team is honored to have received the distinguished Charity Navigator 4-Star rating for the twelfth consecutive year,” said Michael Halligan, CEO. “Our donors and the constituents we serve trust and expect that the resources shared through The Food Bank will be used to feed those who are hungry. The independent review by Charity Navigator affirms our governance process and financial accountability exceed these expectations.”

The Food Bank’s rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on www.charitynavigator.org. More-detailed information about The Food Bank’s rating is available to Charity Navigator site visitors who become registered users, another free service.
About Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator, www.charitynavigator.org, is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

About God’s Pantry Food Bank

The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. Partnering through more than 400 food pantry and meal programs the Food Bank serves 50 counties of Central and Eastern Kentucky distributing $100 worth of food for every $10 donated. Last year, God’s Pantry Food Bank and its partner agencies distributed more than 39.7 million pounds of groceries to more than 190,000 individuals, including 13.8 million pounds of fresh produce. For more information visit us at www.godspantryfoodbank.org

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