GOD’S PANTRY FOOD BANKS JOINS FEEDING AMERICA’S HUNGER ACTION MONTH CAMPAIGN, HIGHLIGHTING WHAT’S POSSIBLE IN A WORLD WITHOUT FOOD INSECURITY

The Hunger Action Month Campaign Urges the Public to Join the Movement to End Hunger Through Donating, Volunteering or Advocating

Lexington, KY – September 14, 2023 – Tomorrow, September 15, is Hunger Action Day. For Hunger Action Month, God’s Pantry Food Bank is joining Feeding America and other partner food banks to inspire conversation and drive passion for the issue of hunger. The month-long campaign highlights the impact of food on people’s lives and shows how a meal goes beyond solely nourishing our bodies. When people are fed, futures are nourished, and individuals go from just living to truly thriving.

September marks the 16th year Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a nationwide network of 200 food banks, including God’s Pantry Food Bank, and 60,000 partner food pantries and meal programs, has organized the annual call to action. By joining the movement, God’s Pantry Food Bank believes our collective voices, actions, and commitment will help ensure every community has the food it needs to flourish.

“Food has a tremendous impact on people’s lives. We have all experienced firsthand how a meal goes beyond solely nourishing our bodies,” said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. “Access to nutritious food is essential for each of us to reach our full potential and reminds us that we can all help to create positive change in our communities to ensure that no one goes hungry in America. Now is the time for us to come together to elevate the voices of people who experience food insecurity and inspire everyone to join the movement to end hunger.”

During the month of September, people across Central and Eastern Kentucky can join the movement to end hunger by donating, volunteering or advocating. Other ways to participate include:
• **Arby’s Hunger Action Month Donation Match:** Arby’s will match up to $30,000 for all donations made to God’s Pantry Food Bank;

• **Kroger Hunger Action Month Register Campaign:** Customers can round up, and/or donate $1, $5, or $10. Kroger will match up to $25,000 for all funds rounded up during the week of September 10-16. 100% of funds benefit God’s Pantry Food Bank; and

• **The Fresh Market Hunger Action Month Round-Up Campaign:** 90% of the funds collected will go to God’s Pantry Food Bank.

“This Hunger Action Month, I invite you to join us in making a difference,” said Michael Halligan, CEO of God’s Pantry Food Bank. “There are numerous ways to get involved, from volunteering at a local food pantry to organizing food drives, advocating for policies that combat hunger, or donating to support those in need. Every act, no matter how small, contributes to reducing hunger to feed Kentucky communities.”

Hunger Action Month is a time for everyone across the country to collectively act against hunger. You can choose to donate or advocate. You can choose to volunteer or raise awareness. You can choose to help end hunger. Learn more about how you can take action by visiting godspantry.org.

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**About God’s Pantry Food Bank:**
In Kentucky, 1 in 8 people are unsure about where they’ll get their next meal. In Central and Eastern Kentucky, it is 1 in 6. God’s Pantry Food Bank serves 50 counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky in partnership with more than 500 food pantries and meal programs. Our vision: A nourished life for every Kentuckian. Our mission: Reducing hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities. Visit www.godspantry.org to learn more.

**About Feeding America**
Feeding America is committed to an America where no one is hungry. We support tens of millions of people who experience food insecurity to get the food and resources they say they need to thrive as part of a nationwide network of food banks, statewide food bank associations, food pantries and meal programs. We also invest in innovative solutions to increase equitable access to nutritious food, advocate for legislation that improves food security and work to address factors that impact food security, such as health, cost of living and employment.
We partner with people experiencing food insecurity, policymakers, organizations, and supporters, united with them in a movement to end hunger. Visit www.FeedingAmerica.org to learn more.