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***Forbes* names Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County's National Partner
Feeding America as Nation's Third Largest Charity**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is proud to be a member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, which recently ranked 3rd on Forbes Magazine's list of "The 200 Largest U.S. Charities" for 2011. The Feeding America network provides food to nearly 40 million Americans every year by assisting member food banks with food sourcing, funding, logistical, and technical support. Feeding America was recognized for its fundraising efficiency rating of 98%, well above the national average of 86%, and for the amount of donations received in the latest fiscal year, during which Feeding America received more than \$1.1 billion in private cash and in-kind support. Thanks to innovative campaigns and an aggressive expansion strategy led by CEO Vicki Escarra, Feeding America experienced significant growth even during the economic downturn.

From partnership with Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and the network's other local members are not only able to secure food from large corporate manufacturers and retailers, but also access to funding from corporate and foundation donors to spur local innovation. Additionally, with Feeding America's support, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is able to implement best practices to uphold the highest standards for food safety, fiscal responsibility and efficiency, and be part of a national movement encouraging effective anti-hunger government programs and inspiring individuals to take action for hunger relief. Due in part to Feeding America's ongoing support, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County has increased its food distribution each consecutive year since 2005, reaching nearly 17 million pounds distributed last year.

"Our partnership with Feeding America over the years has been an invaluable resource for improving the efficiency and scope of all aspects of our operation," noted Joe Schoeningh, Director of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. "Because of Feeding America's national reputation as a standard-bearer in hunger relief and the philanthropic world as a whole, being identified as a network member has opened many doors for us that we may never have had access to otherwise."

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving

the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit Feedingamerica.org.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is working to eliminate hunger in Orange County. Through a network of nearly 500 local member nonprofits, the Food Bank distributes over 16 million pounds of nutritious food to our neighbors in need every year. Learn more about our work in the community - and how you can help - at FeedOC.org.

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