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Tyson Foods Honors Customer Medieval Times with Donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

IRVINE, Calif., Dec. 4, 2009 – At Medieval Times of California, knights save the day on horseback; today, help for hungry people in Orange County arrived in a truck, courtesy of Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN). Tyson Foods made a donation of a truckload of protein products, more than 35,000 pounds, to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, in honor of the company’s long-standing relationship with Medieval Times. The truck was unloaded at the food bank following a media event this morning.

“It is great to work with Medieval Times, and we are fortunate to have them as a valued customer,” said Donnie Smith, president and CEO of Tyson Foods. “We are glad to make this donation today in honor of our partnership with Medieval Times and to help people in need in Orange County.”

Each month, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County provides food to over 220,000 individuals. Its member charities include church pantries, shelters, senior centers, rehabilitation centers, homes for abused women and children and other emergency assistance organizations. Since the food bank opened its doors in 1983, local charities have received more than 260 million pounds of donated and surplus food.

“We have seen the need for emergency food assistance rise by 35 percent from July 2008 through June 2009,” said Joe Schoeningh, director of the food bank. “And protein is one of the most sought-after food items we receive.”

“This donation is particularly meaningful to us because it will help people right here in our backyard,” said Celeste Lanuza, senior vice president and general manager at Medieval Times, a medieval-themed family dinner attraction and show. Set in the 11th century, the show features a feast, swordplay by knights and displays of horsemanship featuring Spanish Andalusian horses.

Since 2000, Tyson Foods has been a leader in the fight against hunger. The company is actively engaged in food-donation events and fund-raising activities year-round to benefit those in need. The protein given by Tyson today brings the company’s total in-kind donations since 2000 to more than 68 million pounds. This milestone equates to more than 216 million meals donated to food banks and agencies serving local communities around the country. Last year alone, Tyson donated nearly 12 million pounds of protein to Feeding America. For more information on how to get involved in the fight against hunger, go to <http://hungerrelief.tyson.com/>.

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For more than 26 years, **Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County** has provided over 260 million pounds of safe and nutritious surplus food to more than 430 charitable non-profit organizations throughout Orange County. The Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is a certified Affiliate Member of Feeding America. For more information about Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County or to learn how to help, visit www.FeedOC.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SecondHarvestFoodBank or follow our news on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SecondHarvestFB>.

Blending centuries-old heritage, fairytale intrigue and timeless appeal, **Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament** is the world's premiere medieval-themed family dinner attraction. An authentic jousting tournament, exquisite horsemanship and dangerous swordplay allows Medieval Times to bring the glory of the Middle Ages to guests through a dynamic two-hour arena performance and four course period-style feast. In addition to its Buena Park, Calif., location, Medieval Times is also located in Kissimmee, Fla.; Lyndhurst, N.J.; Schaumburg, Ill.; Dallas, Texas; Toronto, Canada; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Baltimore/ Washington D.C.; and Atlanta, Ga. For more information about Medieval Times, visit www.medievaltimes.com or call 1-888-WE-JOUST.

Tyson Foods, Inc. [NYSE: TSN], founded in 1935 with headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas, is the world's largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork, the second-largest food production company in the Fortune 500 and a member of the S&P 500. The company produces a wide variety of protein-based and prepared food products and is the recognized market leader in the retail and foodservice markets it serves. Tyson provides products and service to customers throughout the United States and more than 90 countries. The company has approximately 117,000 Team Members employed at more than 300 facilities and offices in the United States and around the world. Through its Core Values, Code of Conduct and Team Member Bill of Rights, Tyson strives to operate with integrity and trust and is committed to creating value for its shareholders, customers and Team Members. The company also strives to be faith-friendly, provide a safe work environment and serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it. Visit www.tyson.com for more details.

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