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SRNS More than Doubles Goal for Golden Harvest Food Fundraiser Donating \$28,000 in Cash and 2,700 Pounds in Food

AIKEN, S.C. – Nov. 15, 2016 – The employees of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) for this year's Golden Harvest Food Bank (GHFB) fundraiser more than doubled their monetary goal for the annual food drive, reaching \$28,000 in contributions. In addition, 2,700 pounds of food was collected from dozens of donation barrels located throughout the Savannah River Site (SRS).

"This year our hearts were moved by the obvious need to support Golden Harvest's Back Pack Program," said Rick Sprague, SRNS Senior Vice President Technical Services. "It was an easy decision to focus on doing our part within the community to support this particular program. And the result is 155 children at-risk of hunger will be supplied with easy-open, nutritious foods for the weekend throughout the entire school year. I'm really proud to be part of a company that is so generous."

"We are so thankful to have SRNS as a partner," said Travis McNeal, Executive Director, GHFB. "It speaks volumes about the character of an organization that supports our community with so much enthusiasm and love."

According to McNeal, in Georgia and South Carolina, one in four children live in



SRNS Senior Vice President Rick Sprague (left) and SRNS Golden Harvest Management Sponsor Tim Bolen (right) present to Golden Harvest Food Bank Executive Director Travis McNeal \$28,000, more than double the monetary goal for the annual SRNS food drive. In addition, 2,700 pounds of food was collected from dozens of locations at the Savannah River Site.

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families at or below the federal poverty level. These children often receive assistance from programs operating during the week, such as free or reduced price lunches and after school programs. However, it is over the weekend that many of these children risk going hungry. These children could come back to school on Mondays, famished and weak, thinking only of the free meal that will come at breakfast or lunch time.

SRNS Golden Harvest Management Sponsor Tim Bolen added that several SRNS volunteers assisting Golden Harvest have sons and daughters who are teachers. As educators in local schools, they have witnessed first-hand the importance of this program. “There’s so much more demand than food available for those in need. We’re doing our best to help close that gap,” said Bolen. “And what our employees and volunteer helpers have achieved as a result of this year’s food drive will have a significant impact on children in the communities surrounding SRS.”

“The SRNS company itself contributed \$5,000 to this very important program,” added Sprague. “In fact, SRNS annually contributes approximately one million dollars each year to the charitable needs found in so many areas throughout the region.”

In addition to the annual food drive, SRNS employees often volunteer at Golden Harvest’s Aiken Distribution Center and have purchased Golden Harvest t-shirts to help spread the food bank’s mission.

“We are especially grateful and excited that SRNS had the idea to put their focus this year on children,” said McNeal. “The employees were extremely responsive and demonstrated their belief in the value of the Back Pack Program through their highly appreciated gifts. That really blew us away.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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