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***Second Harvest Food Bank Supporters Provide more than 590,000 Meals
for the Hungry at the Charity's Annual "No Lunch" Lunch***

Irvine, CA, December 19, 2017 – Second Harvest supporters and community leaders celebrated the beginning of the holiday season at Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County's annual "No Lunch" Lunch on November 21, 2017. CEO Nicole Suydam shared the food bank's progress towards its Bold Goal, which aims to close the meal gap in Orange County by 2025. Generous attendees and sponsors donated the equivalent of 590,721 meals for those in our community who too often don't know where they will find enough food for their next meal.

The theme for this year's luncheon was Bold Goal. Big Change. The program featured an update by Suydam of the non-profit's accomplishments and significant impacts in the community, including the opening of a third Permanent School Pantry in partnership with Community Action Partnership at their Anaheim Family Resources Center. During her remarks, Suydam emphasized that a community of caring individuals, corporations, and partner charities working together will ensure that no one in Orange County will go hungry. Ed Arnold, former co-host of KOCE-TV PBS SoCal, was once again master of ceremonies for the luncheon.

As it does every year, Second Harvest honored three outstanding supporters with its prestigious Founder's Legacy Award. The award recognizes individuals or organizations who have demonstrated their commitment to the founders' goals of feeding those in need, educating the public about the problem of hunger in our community, and creating opportunities to involve people in our mission to end hunger in Orange County.

The Harvesters, a group of dedicated women committed to raising funds and awareness for Second Harvest were chosen to receive a Founder's Legacy Award in honor of their determination to help end hunger in Orange County. This year the Harvesters celebrated their 25th Anniversary at their Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon in October. In those 25 years, Harvesters have raised the equivalent of more than 21 million meals to feed the hungry in our community.

South Coast Plaza, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, was awarded the Founder's Legacy Award for their role as an integral force behind Harvesters Fashion Show & Luncheon, the highly-successful fundraising event in support of the food bank. For the past two decades, South



Coast Plaza given very generously of its time and resources to present the Harvesters' elegant fundraising event.

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the U.S. Postal Service were presented with another of the Founder's Legacy Awards in recognition of their unflinching commitment to the community through their support of Second Harvest for more than 25 years. The dedicated, caring women and men of the U.S. Postal Service have collected hundreds of thousands of pounds of food for Orange County's hungry families.

"We are very grateful for all the food, funds, time and effort that each of these outstanding organizations have so generously donated to support our mission of ending hunger in Orange County," said Nicole Suydam, Second Harvest CEO. "We are so honored to work side by side with them as we create a better community in which no one goes hungry. Ever."

Generous sponsors for this year's "No Lunch" Lunch included Golden State Foods, PepsiCo. Raymond Handling Solutions, John & Angela Stollsteimer, Union Bank, Kim & Dick Crawford, Doug & Julie Garn, Los Angeles Chargers, Maintex, Inc., PERC Water Corporation, San Diego Gas & Electric, Taco Bell Corp., Anonymous, AvalonBay Communities, Bridgford, Gleason & Artinian—Trial Attorneys, Brown-Forman, Renee & Vito A. Canuso III, Won & Ann Chung, Cox Communications, Everett Callahan Insurance, FivePoint, Howard & Carol Hay, Jay's Catering & Ellie's Table, Kerrie Krisher, Wayne & Wendy Miller, Alex & Zachary Parker, Pence Wealth Management, Terry Petty, Judith Posnikoff, Jack & Maureen Richmond, Snyder Langston, Sterling Search Inc., Straggas Law Group, APC, University of California, Irvine, Wells Fargo, Bob & Marilyn Whiton, and Bill Williams.

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is the largest nonprofit hunger-relief organization in Orange County leading the fight to end hunger in our community. Second Harvest distributes donated, purchased, and prepared foods through a network of 190 partner agencies in more than 300 locations in every city in the county. Last year, Second Harvest provided enough food for more than 21.6 million meals, feeding more than 250,000 people each month. More than 90 cents of every dollar donated is spent on programs to feed the hungry. Second Harvest is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization. For more information visit FeedOC.org.

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