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SPRING GREEN STUDENT DEDICATED TO HUNGER RELIEF

MADISON, Wis., April 30, 2012 – Last September, during Hunger Action Month, nine-year-old Spring Green native Joseph Day won a contest to design one side of a delivery truck for Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. The design had to depict the meaning of food in the child participant's life and incorporate the theme "Take Action Against Hunger."

Joseph knew there was more he could do to end hunger. With his mother Jennifer Day and officials from St. John the Evangelist School, the third-grader helped organize a food drive at the school April 10–26.

"What an exciting experience this has been for Joseph and our family, and we are grateful that St. John's School has shared our enthusiasm," said Jennifer Day.

Donations were delivered Friday to the Community Food Pantry (located in the Spring Green Community Church, 151 E. Bossard St., Spring Green), a partner agency of Second Harvest Foodbank.

"With one in four kids in this country not knowing where their next meal will come from, it's impressive to have someone at Joseph's age show concern for people struggling with hunger," says Dan Stein, President/CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.

Since January 2010, Second Harvest Foodbank has partnered with the Community Food Pantry to provide more than 167,500 pounds of groceries to those facing hunger in the Spring Green area. The pantry serves 400-500 individuals per month and is open 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 4:30–7:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month.

About Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin through community partnerships, serving nearly 141,000 people who struggle to put food on the table, including 43 percent who are children. Through food and financial donations and volunteer support, Second Harvest Foodbank acquires and distributes food to 300 partner agencies, including food pantries, shelters and meal sites, in 16 counties. From July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011, Second Harvest Foodbank distributed 8.6 million pounds of food. It is one of 200 members of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. For more information, visit *www.SecondHarvestMadison.org*.

Editor's Note: Photo attached/available upon request of Joseph in truck/human chain of food donations, etc…

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