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Golden Harvest Enlists Community to Help Scare Away Hunger During Annual Drive

AUGUSTA (10/1/2018) – Barrels are distributed, neighborhoods are organized, online donation drives are active and the It's Spooky To Be Hungry® food/funds drive kicks off Oct. 1. Golden Harvest Food Bank's signature drive is entering its 26th year; it spans Richmond and Columbia counties in Georgia and Aiken County in S.C. It's Spooky To Be Hungry® relies on thousands of volunteers to get the word out, collect food and funds, and serve the 1 in 6 people and 1 in 5 children in the CSRA who face hunger. In 2017, Spooky raised more than 262,000 meals.

"The wonderful thing about Spooky is that it all comes down to neighbors feeding neighbors," said Special Events Manager Carrie Jones. "Each year it grows because more people in the community want to show they care about feeding the hungry here in the CSRA."

• Area residents can get involved in Spooky by becoming a Neighborhood Captain, volunteering on collection days in October, donating nonperishable food items or making a monetary donation either by check or at **itsspookytobehungry.org** -- click "Donate". Neighborhood captains and volunteers will collect orange bag donations from Aiken and Richmond counties on Oct. 20. Donations from Columbia County will be collected Oct. 27.

• Any CSRA resident who does not live in a Spooky neighborhood can make food donations in designated bins at any Goodwill store in designated bins or make a funds donations online by visiting itsspookytobehungry.org and clicking the 'Donate' button.

• Schools across the CSRA will collect food items throughout October.

• Businesses will collect monetary donations Oct. 1-31. This is the second year the drive features a business competition.

For more information about how to join the It's Spooky To Be Hungry® food/funds drive, visit **itsspookytobehungry.org**.

About Golden Harvest Food Bank

Golden Harvest Food Bank serves the hungry in our 30-county service area in eastern Georgia and western South Carolina. The Food Bank was founded in Augusta, Ga., in 1982, and now operates from three distribution centers – Augusta, Ga.; and Aiken and Anderson, S.C. Golden Harvest is a locally supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides grocery products to the hungry through a network of more than 260 direct service programs and food pantries. Golden Harvest distributed more than 17.4 million pounds of grocery products to those in need in fiscal year 2017.

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