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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina receives \$10,000 donation from MRO Better Half iRacing Dash Winning Driver McCall Gauling

CHARLOTTE, NC (August 17, 2022) –During an event held at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina headquarters in Charlotte, McCall Gauling, the winning driver of the 2022 Better Half iRacing Dash, presented the organization the entire \$10,000 purse she won from this year’s annual Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) fundraising race.

Joining McCall was her crew chief, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver Zane Smith. They presented the check to Kay Carter, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank. Also in attendance was MRO Board of Directors member and Commissioner of the Better Half iRacing Dash, Kristin Labonte. The amount of \$10,000 will provide 70,000 pounds of food to those in need.

“Thank you to Zane and McCall for making this generous donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina,” said Carter. “Special congratulations to McCall who defended her first-place win in the Better Half iRacing Dash Championship and is donating her \$10,000 prize winnings. “It is through community partners like Motor Racing Outreach that we are able to reach more individuals and companies who are interested in helping us feed our neighbors in need.”

This year’s win of the Better Half iRacing Dash, an event held and broadcast on FS1 in late May, marks Gauling’s second victory in as many years. “It was very educational and emotional visiting Second Harvest and learning about their regional hunger relief operations as part of the Feeding America network of food banks,” said Gauling, whose race car sponsor, KOIA, is a nutritious, plant-based beverage maker. “Opportunities like this to feed hungry people and pets is why I love participating in the MRO Better Half iRacing Dash each year.

“I had a lot of competition from the other NASCAR Better Half drivers this year. It’s a fun event for great causes. I don’t know if I can win again next year for a third time, but I’m willing to try.” As the commissioner of the event, Labonte and her team were very instrumental in putting together and promoting the event, which aired on FS1-TV during the popular “NASCAR Race Hub” daily show.

"As a board member, I am honored to represent Motor Racing Outreach today," Labonte said. "MRO's work has an incredible breadth and such a heartfelt intentional impact on the NASCAR community and the Charlotte area where so many of us call home. As the 'Commissioner' of the Better Half iRacing Dash, I am really proud of McCall and all the drivers who participated. The effort each driver-crew chief team put into the competition and race preparation, plus the tremendous commitment to fundraising was second to none. These women should be inspiring for all of us - look at what we can accomplish when we come together to do good. Congratulations to McCall and her charity Second Harvest, job well done."

To learn more about Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, check out their website www.SecondHarvestMetrolina.org and for more information about MRO, log on to www.Go2MRO.com.



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About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2020-2021, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 82 million pounds of food and household items to over 950 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares. Follow the Food Bank on: [Facebook](#); [Twitter](#); [Instagram](#); [Linkedin](#); [YouTube](#).