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Second Harvest Food Bank to Fill the Shelves of Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen and St. Mary's Pantry in Honor of Brother David Boone

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – June 19, 2017 – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHFBM) will be in Rock Hill at Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen on June 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. to restock the soup kitchen and pantry shelves with food and other needed items in honor of community activist Brother David Boone. Brother David, who started the soup kitchen in 1986, has been battling leukemia for years and has recently decided to forego treatments.

SHFBM will deliver two truckloads of canned goods, packaged food items and meat to the soup kitchen and emergency pantry. Special thanks to The Springs Close Foundation for donating funds to offset the cost of the meat. In total, the donation to the soup kitchen and pantry is valued at close to \$25,000. Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen has served well over a million meals since it opened its doors over 30 years ago. The soup kitchen was started to offer a free, hot meal to people in the Rock Hill community in need of food. SHFBM wants to honor Brother David by helping to feed the neighborhood and community that he has spent a lifetime serving.

Brother David, a white Catholic from Kentucky, served at the predominantly black St. Mary's Catholic Church for over 50 years. He was the administrator at the church, which was created in the 1950's to serve blacks. Brother David is known for his life's work as a civil rights activist fighting against segregation and helping those in poverty. In his lifetime, he has organized boycotts, marched alongside blacks to fight racial hatred, helped get running water for black neighborhoods and even ran a credit union for blacks who were banned from banks due to segregation.

"Brother David is a beloved friend and my personal hero", says Kay Carter CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. "He has challenged me with continuing to be an inspiration to the community he served for such a long time. Second Harvest Food Bank will continue to be a great partner of Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen and St. Mary's Pantry, helping those in need in the community surrounding these agencies."

Both Kay and representatives from the Springs Close Foundation will be present for the donation. SHFBM is planning a second event in July in the St. Mary's Parish community to honor Brother David. SHFBM will hold a Produce Market with produce donated from the Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston, SC.

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"Donation to Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen cont'd"

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2015-2016, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 50 million pounds of food and household items to over 700 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

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