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FOOD BANK
OF METROLINA**

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Together We CAN End Hunger

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Receives \$25,000 Donation from The Darden Foundation

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – September 12, 2018 – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHFBM) announced today a \$25,000 grant from The Darden Foundation to assist in their efforts to provide help for those facing hunger in our community. The generous unrestricted grant will allow SHFBM to allocate funds most needed areas, such as providing healthy produce to many of the agencies that the Food Bank serves.

“Over 527,000 people struggle with hunger in our 19 county service region, including over 188,000 children and 41,000 seniors who turn to the 700+ agencies that partner with us. The Darden Foundation’s donation will go a long way for those in need.” notes Kay Carter, CEO of SHFBM.

The Darden Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity in communities across the United States. Their commitment to help is demonstrated through their partnership with Feeding America, and a network of 200 food banks across the nation.

Feeding America has worked alongside The Darden Foundation for six years in the fight to end hunger. Thanks to their ongoing support, the Feeding America network has been able to help provide support through many of SHFBM’s special events along with direct funding for food purchases and child hunger programming initiatives. For additional information, please contact Donna Ragan, SHFBM Marketing & Communications Manager at 704.572.1812 or dragan@secondharvest.org.

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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 FY2017-2018, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 54 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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About Darden Restaurant and The Darden Foundation

Darden is a restaurant company featuring a portfolio of differentiated brands that include Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, Yard House, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V’s. Our people equal our success, and we are proud to employ 180,000 team members in more than 1,700 restaurants. Together, we create memorable experiences for 380 million guests each year in communities across North America. The Darden Foundation works to bring to life our spirit of service through its philanthropic support of charitable organizations across the country. Since 1995, The Darden Foundation has awarded more than \$90 million in grants to non-profit organizations such as Feeding America, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) and American Red Cross. For more information, please visit www.darden.com.