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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Hosts Grand Opening of Food Bank Expansion Project

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina – On Monday, October 28, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHMETROLINA) will host a private reception and tour of its expanded facility for key donors and guests. Following a successful 14.5-million-dollar capital campaign, the Food Bank has doubled the size of its facility on Spratt Street. Highlights of the new facility include:

- Increased freezer and cooler space to provide the opportunity to offer more nutritious foods including produce, meat, and dairy;
- Space for a planned Child Hunger Center which will offer more opportunities for children and families to volunteer;
- Increased warehouse space and loading docks to provide room for more dry product to be stored;
- Volunteer Center to provide training space for volunteers who collectively donate over 300,000 hours per year.

The event will feature major donors offering remarks including:

- Meg Ham, President, Food Lion
- Howard Levine, Howard R. Levine Foundation
- Danna Robinson, Communications Manager, Harris Teeter
- Tom Lawrence, President, Leon Levine Foundation

Kay Carter, CEO of Second Harvest noted “We are absolutely thrilled to host the community partners who helped make this expansion possible. Thanks to the generosity of the Charlotte region, Second Harvest is now able to provide over 60 million pounds per year, including almost 32 million pounds of fresh produce, meat, and dairy.”

The evening will conclude with a tour of the facility.

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About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHMETROLINA) serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2018-2019, SHMETROLINA distributed over 60 million pounds of food and household items to over 770 non-profit agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters, low-income daycares, veteran assistance organizations, and animal rescues. Follow the Food Bank on: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).