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Feeding America Southwest Virginia Receives a Second Trailer Truck Full of Food From The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Salem, VA (September 29, 2016) – For the second year in a row, Roanoke Valley’s regional food bank, Feeding America Southwest Virginia, received a trailer truck shipment of food from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This year, the delivery totaled more than 20,700 lbs. of food including canned beans, peanut butter, chili and other non-perishable products. A donation of this size is equivalent to approximately \$35,000 and will provide more than 17,000 meals to those in need. This donation is one of eight such shipments being delivered to regional food banks in Virginia and surrounding states over the next few days, which will total more than 80 tons of food.

This shipment comes as one part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints’ role in the fifth annual “Day to Serve” project. In Virginia alone, this project has involved more than 55,000 volunteers giving more than 180,000 hours of service. The project has also collected more than 1.3 million lbs. of food and more than \$50,000 in outside funds for food donations.

“Day to Serve” is a regional project embraced by official proclamations by the Governors of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, and by the Mayor of Washington, D.C. It has also been endorsed by the Virginia General Assembly in a resolution encouraging Virginians to participate in at least one day of community service in from September 11 to October 10.

More information including service participation opportunities may be found by visiting www.daytoserve.org .

About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded in 1981 and proudly commemorates 35 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. The Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank’s ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for the hungry. Approximately \$34 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 370 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. Visit www.faswva.org for more information or like us on Facebook.