



PRESS STATEMENT

RE: GOVERNOR JOHN R. KASICH ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION TO FIGHT HUNGER IN OHIO

December 14, 2011

“The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks and Ohio’s 12 Feeding America Foodbanks thank Governor John R. Kasich for this Executive Order and the Governor’s Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives for their recognition of the continued increase in demand placed on Ohio’s emergency food assistance network. At a time when rising food and unstable fuel costs are taking their toll on household budgets, this additional \$2 million dollars to fight hunger in Ohio could not come at a better time,” says Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks. “These dollars allow our network to work hand in hand with Ohio farmers, growers and commodity producers and will help to ensure that our hungry friends and neighbors have access to the wholesome, nutritious foods that will keep our children focused at school, our seniors healthy and independent, and our workforce productive. We take pride in this strong public-private partnership with the State of Ohio and the agricultural community. Their hard work and continued recognition of the value that access to nutritious food plays in our State’s ability to prevent costly healthcare and educational costs is generous, insightful, timely.”

About the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks

OASHF is Ohio’s largest charitable response to hunger, representing Ohio’s 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,300 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In SFY 2011, OASHF and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute over 150 million pounds of food and grocery items. To learn more about OASHF visit www.oashf.org. Follow @OASHF on Twitter and like OASHF on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oashf.

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