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Land O'Lakes Foundation Donates to Minnesota and Oklahoma Food Shelves in Need

June 5, 2013 -- Land O'Lakes recently donated 40,000 pounds of LAND O LAKES® Macaroni & Cheese to Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul, Minn., and an additional 40,000 pounds to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to assist with tornado relief efforts.

“The tornadoes that destroyed towns near Oklahoma City also impacted the demand at area food shelves,” said Lydia Botham, executive director of the Land O'Lakes Foundation. “Land O'Lakes has employees, members and member co-ops in the areas impacted by the disaster, and we are committed to helping communities in need.”

As part of the First Run Program, Land O'Lakes Foundation donated product to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in response to the May 20 and 21 tornadoes which affected the Oklahoma City area. With a large increase in demand for product from Oklahoma-area food banks, Land O'Lakes made the decision to make an emergency donation to help alleviate hunger. This emergency donation represents the 62nd donation through the Land O'Lakes First Run program, which began in 2010.

Land O'Lakes Dairy Member John Funk joined employees at the Second Harvest donation to check out the semi-truck full of Land O'Lakes product. “I am proud to see that our products are being donated to a great cause. It is such a gratifying feeling to know the products produced locally are going to make a difference in the community.”

Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative food banks. Almost 40 percent of the food that Second Harvest distributes to local food shelves, soup kitchens, shelters and programs comes from distributors and manufacturers such as Land O'Lakes. From the food that is donated, 468,000 people are able to be fed each year.

The First Run program is part of Land O'Lakes larger Feeding Our Communities initiative – a program dedicated to helping alleviate hunger locally, nationally and internationally. The program was introduced in 2010 to increase the amount of product donated to food banks across the country. This is the fourth year of the program for which Land O'Lakes has committed to donating truckloads of fresh product to several food banks each quarter.

For more information on any of these programs, visit the Land O'Lakes Foundation web page at www.landolakesinc.com.