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Griffith Foods Feeding Communities with Annual Produce for Hunger Event

Sixth Annual Event Bringing Together Suppliers and Partners to Feed the Hungry in Local Communities

ALSIP, Ill. – Griffith Foods is excited to announce its sixth annual Produce for Hunger event – the organization’s yearly effort that creates and donates millions of servings of food to those in communities in which it operates.

Produce for Hunger was created to support the global fight against hunger and to celebrate World Food Day. Nineteen locations within the Griffith Foods family of companies come together to produce and distribute food to organizations committed to feeding those in need.

Since 2014, Griffith Foods’ global efforts with Produce for Hunger has yielded more than more 16 million servings of food donated to food banks and feeding organizations on five continents.

World Food Day, created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, is celebrated each year on 16 October to promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger, and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. Events are organized in up to 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the United Nations calendar.

To fully celebrate World Food Day, Griffith Foods’ employees also participate in local volunteer activities, such as food packing days at local food banks, providing meals to children at local schools, and community food drives.

Griffith Foods partners with The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) to distribute food through local food banks and feeding organizations based on community needs.

“The Global FoodBanking Network envisions a world where people facing hunger can reliably access nutritious meals through a thriving global network of food banks,” said Lisa Moon, GFN President and CEO. “Thanks in part to our longstanding and valued partnership with Griffith Foods and the annual Produce for Hunger event, the GFN network of food banks is able to serve more than 9 million people facing hunger annually.”

GFN has partnered with Griffith Foods since the inaugural Produce for Hunger in 2014. Their network includes 943 food banks in 34 countries

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Throughout the years, donations have included: pancake mix; high-protein porridge; rice-based meals; and soup mixes, among others. Most recently, the company produced and donated over five million servings in 2018.

Steve Soneson, Senior Director of Griffith Continuous Improvement and coordinator of the company's Produce for Hunger efforts globally, said Produce for Hunger helps Griffith Foods bring its Purpose life.

"Produce for Hunger is a tangible way of giving back to our communities, and living our Purpose, that 'We Blend Care and Creativity to Nourish the World,'" shared Soneson. "Over the last several years, nearly 60 suppliers around the world willingly donated ingredients used in the food we produced. This has encouraged us to do better each year and we celebrate their partnership with us."

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About Griffith Foods

Griffith Foods is a family-owned global developer and manufacturer of customized food ingredients. The company's capabilities range from seasonings and breading, to marinades and sauces blended to exacting specification that are culturally authentic, taste great and improve food safety. Founded in 1919 and headquartered in Alsip, Illinois USA, Griffith Foods has grown and expanded globally to include a presence in over 30 countries.

About The Global FoodBanking Network

The Global FoodBanking Network (GFN) is an international non-profit organization that nourishes the world's hungry through uniting and advancing food banks in more than 30 countries. GFN focuses on combating hunger and preventing food waste by providing expertise, directing resources, sharing knowledge and developing connections that increase efficiency, ensure food safety and reach more people facing hunger. Last year, 943 GFN member food banks rescued over 500 million kilograms of food and grocery product and redirected it to feed 9.6 million people through a network of more than 55,000 social service and community-based organizations.

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