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## **WEGMANS TO DONATE TRUCKLOAD OF FOOD TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK**

**Allentown, PA** - Wegmans will deliver a tractor trailer load of non-perishable food to Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania at 10 A.M. on July 15, 2010, thanks to the hard work of the management interns from the grocery chain's 11 Pennsylvania locations. The 16,000 pound donation will include 20 pallets of assorted canned goods, snacks, meal items, juice, condiments, pasta, and baking ingredients.

“Here at Second Harvest, we are very grateful for our friends and corporate partners at Wegmans,” says Ann McManus, program director for the Food Bank. “This donation comes at just the right time. Kids are out of school and more parents are relying on pantries and soup kitchens to fill the gap left by school meal programs. I know that our member agencies will appreciate this donation as much as we do.”

The Wegmans interns were asked to organize food drives in their respective store locations to demonstrate one of the company's core values of, “making a difference in every community we serve.” A few of those interns wanted to do more. With the help of their service area manager, they secured a tractor trailer of food to be donated in addition to what they raised through the food drives. Chloe Smith is one of the interns responsible for this donation. “It is unbelievable

what a small group of people and one phone call can do,” says Smith. “I am so honored to say that I work for a company that reaches out to the community in such an unbelievable way.”

When the Wegmans tractor-trailer arrives at the Second Harvest Food Bank, Smith and fellow interns Janelle Callahan, Colleen McDonnell, and Mary Dowd will be joined by other Wegmans representatives to help unload the food.

Second Harvest Food Bank distributes food and grocery product to more than 60,000 people each month through a six-county network of about 200 member agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and child care, rehabilitation and senior citizen centers. The Food Bank also serves as an advocate for food assistance programs for people with low income and as a source of education and training for people working to improve food availability and nutrition to those in need. Second Harvest Food Bank is a program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley and a member of Feeding America, (formerly named America’s Second Harvest), the nation’s largest hunger relief organization.

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is a 75-store supermarket chain with stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and Maryland. The family-owned company, founded in 1916, is recognized as an industry leader and innovator. Wegmans has been named one of the ‘100 Best Companies to Work For’ by FORTUNE magazine for twelve consecutive years. In 2010, Wegmans ranked #3 on the list. Last year, Wegmans donated more than 16 million pounds of food to food banks in all of its market areas

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