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\$10,000 Arthur W. Perdue Foundation Grant Will Help Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Fight Childhood Hunger

SALISBURY, Md. — In Lancaster and Lebanon counties, an estimated 24,000 children deal with the effects of not having enough food to eat regularly.* To help combat that epidemic, the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, has donated \$10,000 to support childhood nutrition programs of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

“We are grateful to Perdue for their generous support of our mission,” said Joe Arthur, Executive Director of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. “Hundreds of children in the area will see the benefits of this contribution immediately. Too many families face the daily anxiety of not knowing how they’ll be able to keep food on the table at home.”

“All of us at Perdue are proud to stand with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and their efforts to put an end to child hunger in our region,” said Dick Cole, grain marketing manager for Perdue AgriBusiness in Pennsylvania. “Being a community partner means doing our part to care for the less fortunate. That is a responsibility we take very seriously.”

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank operates several programs across the region to provide healthy food to thousands of children, including over weekends and breaks when they are most vulnerable to hunger. The \$10,000 grant will be used in Lancaster and Lebanon counties to provide meals and healthful snacks to children after school, as well as to provide them and their families with nutritious meals over weekends and breaks.

In Lebanon County, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank program partner who will be a recipient of this grant is Lebanon Valley Youth for Christ. Their Kids Cafe® program served 200 children breakfast three mornings per week and dinner two nights per week. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank partner to benefit in Lancaster County is located in Columbia, just miles from Perdue’s Marietta facility. Community Life Network of Columbia provided a school pantry to 412 families including 1,592 children in the 2012-13 school year.

Started in 1982, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is the largest non-profit food distribution organization in Central Pennsylvania and one of the top food banks in the nation for operational performance. The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is a complex operation, comprising 55 dedicated staff members, a fleet of 14 trucks, and 3,000 volunteers annually. Last

year, the organization distributed nearly 29 million pounds of food. This is the equivalent of more than 24.1 million meals.

The Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, was established in 1957 by company founder Arthur W. Perdue and is funded through the estates of Arthur W. Perdue and Frank Perdue. As part of our commitment to supporting the communities in which we do business, the Foundation provides grants on behalf of Perdue Farms to non-profit health, human and community services organizations; hunger relief; educational efforts; and environmental programs in communities where large numbers of our associates live and work.

Learn more at <http://www.perduefarms.com> and click on “Corporate Responsibility” and then “Our Communities.”

*According to the Feeding America study, *Map the Meal Gap*.

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About Perdue Farms:

Perdue Farms is the parent company of Perdue Foods and Perdue AgriBusiness, and represents the Perdue family ownership. Since our beginning on Arthur Perdue’s farm in 1920, through expansion into agribusiness and the introduction of the Perdue brand of chicken and turkey under Frank Perdue, to our third-generation of family leadership with Chairman Jim Perdue, we’ve remained a family owned, family operated business dedicated to making Perdue the most trusted name in food and agricultural products. Learn more about Perdue Farms at <http://www.perduefarms.com>. Click “Corporate Responsibility,” then “Our Communities.”

About Perdue AgriBusiness:

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