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FOOD RECOVERY NETWORK AND MOVE FOR HUNGER JOIN FORCES TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE AND FIGHT HUNGER ON COLLEGE CAMPUSSES

Sustainability-Minded Organizations to Co-Host Move Out For Hunger Event at Six Colleges in the Northeast

COLLEGE PARK, MD & ASBURY PARK, NJ – Food Recovery Network, the largest student-led movement fighting food waste and hunger in the United States, and Move For Hunger, a national non-profit organization that mobilizes the relocation industry to fight hunger and reduce food waste, are partnering to collect unused, non-perishable food from students on move-out day at six college campuses this spring. This unique event, Move Out For Hunger, marks the first collaborative effort between two organizations who provide sustainable solutions to food waste and hunger in the United States.

One in seven Americans are unsure of where they will find their next meal. Meanwhile, 40% of the food produced in the U.S. each year is thrown away costing more than $162 billion per year. Move Out For Hunger will be an on-campus, non-perishable food drive aimed at diverting food from landfills and into the cupboards of people in need.

Students tend to throw out a lot of things when they move out of their residence halls at the end of the school year – including perfectly good food. Food Recovery Network will be urging students at each of the six participating colleges – Brandeis University (Waltham, MA), George Washington University (Washington, D.C), Goucher College (Baltimore, MD), Monmouth University (West Long Branch, NJ), Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT), and Trinity College (Hartford, CT) – to donate any unused, non-perishable food items instead of throwing them in the garbage. Move For Hunger will pair each school with a local moving company, who will volunteer to deliver all of the donations to a local food bank or pantry.

“History has shown us that college students tend to be at the forefront of groundbreaking movements,” said Regina Anderson, Executive Director of Food Recovery Network. “In line with this trend, Food Recovery Network student leaders have positioned themselves as prominent voices urging our society to realign the way we think about food waste.”
“We’re excited to partner with Food Recovery Network in this effort to rescue food for the people who need it most,” said Adam Lowy, Executive Director of Move For Hunger. “We hope it helps to spark a deeper conversation and continued action about food waste and hunger in the United States.”

Monmouth University and Goucher College will kick-off their events on April 21, followed by Southern Connecticut State (April 26), George Washington University and Brandeis University (May 4) and Trinity College (May 5).

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Move For Hunger is a non-profit organization that mobilizes the relocation industry to fight hunger and reduce food waste. In addition to collecting food from people who are moving to new homes, Move For Hunger helps companies and individuals across the United States and Canada organize successful food drives. To date, they have collected more than 7.8 million pounds of food. For more information, or to find out how you can host your own food drive, visit www.MoveForHunger.org.

Food Recovery Network (FRN) is the largest student-led movement fighting food waste and hunger in the United States. FRN is a national nonprofit that addresses food insecurity and food waste by mobilizing student leaders across the nation. FRN Student leaders at university campuses nationwide recover surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and donate it to people experiencing hunger and food insecurity in their communities. In five years, FRN has spread to 218 campuses in 44 states and has recovered more than 1.9 million pounds of surplus food — that’s equal to more than 1.5 million meals being donated to hungry Americans.

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