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JM Family Collects 27,000 Pounds of Food for 10 Nonprofits Throughout North America

Two Hundred South Florida Associates Volunteer at Food Distribution Center

Deerfield Beach, Fla. -- In its first ever companywide food drive, JM Family Enterprises, Inc. (JM Family) and its 3,800 associates collected 27,000 pounds of food for 10 nonprofits in the company's locations throughout the United States and Canada.

The "Fall Fill-Up" ran from Oct. 26 through Nov. 6 in response to widespread hunger and the growing need for food in communities. JM Family's 10 locations each designated local food banks that would benefit from their efforts.

"Providing for essentials needs is a fundamental part of our giving philosophy at JM Family," said Colin Brown, president and CEO of JM Family. "Associates were very generous and proved that meeting the needs of the communities where we live and work is part of who we are."

In South Florida, JM Family and JM Lexus associates chose Feeding South Florida (FSF), formerly Daily Bread Food Bank, and presented the nonprofit with 8,127 pounds of food. Brown also issued a Bring One Give One challenge to associates to collect cans of tuna, a much-needed donation at food banks to help provide healthy meals, which he then personally matched. In total, 13,344 cans of tuna were contributed.

Additionally, on Nov. 7 JM Family sponsored a five-hour food sorting event at FSF. Because of the efforts of nearly 200 associates, friends and family who volunteered, more than 46,000 pounds of food was sorted and six to eight weeks was cut off the time it normally takes the agency to process donations for delivery. At the event, JM Family presented a \$10,000 check to FSF to further support their mission.

FSF, located in Hallandale Beach, distributes 411,538 pounds of food weekly, which translates to 274,359 meals for South Florida's hungry.

"JM Family and Feeding South Florida are both organizations that run on a lot of heart," said Bruce Berman, FSF's board chairman. "This is what makes our connection so meaningful. The extent of JM Family's support and commitment to the cause— through extensive, hands-on volunteer work right up to the company's CEO, through food drives and product donations, and through substantial monetary contributions— is really heart-warming and incredibly energizing for all of us at the food bank."

The FSF food sorting event is part of an ongoing series of volunteer opportunities called "What a Difference a Day Makes!", JM Family's signature program that focuses on a clearly defined need or issue and engages associates as volunteers.

In JM Family's other locations nationwide and in Canada, associates selected local nonprofits to benefit from their food drives: Alpharetta, Ga. – The Place of Forsyth County; Beverly, Mass. – Beverly Bootstraps Community Service; Commerce, Ga. – Jackson County Emergency Food Bank; Jacksonville, Fla. – Second Harvest of North Florida; Mississauga, Ontario – The Mississauga Food Bank; Mobile, Ala. – Bay Area Food Bank; Montreal, Quebec – La Guignolee; Solon, Ohio – Word of Righteousness Family Life Center; and St. Louis, Mo. – St. Louis Area Food Bank.

Photo Captions

[Photo 1](#) (L-R) Judith Gatti, executive director, Feeding South Florida; Bruce Berman, board president and chair, Feeding South Florida; Scott Cohen, corporate Food Services manager, JM Family Enterprises and Feeding South Florida board member; Colin Brown, president and CEO, JM Family Enterprises.

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[Photo 2](#) Nearly 200 JM Family associates, friends and family sorted more than 46,000 pounds of food at Feeding South Florida.

[Photo 3](#) JM Family President and CEO Colin Brown, center on forklift, along with associates (L-R): Todd Jenkins, Valerie Clark, Kurt Wright, Carey Warburton, Scott Cohen, Myron Hirschy, Michael Stegeman.

About Feeding South Florida

Feeding South Florida, a not-for-profit organization, empowers other South Florida not-for-profit organizations to feed needy people and improve their lives. We do this by providing food and other grocery products; and by educating and engaging our community to fight hunger and poverty.

About JM Family Enterprises, Inc.

JM Family Enterprises, Inc. (JM Family) (www.jmfamily.com), founded by Jim Moran in 1968, is a diversified automotive company ranked by Forbes as the 30th-largest privately held company in the U.S. It is currently ranked No. 33 by FORTUNE® as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, its 11th consecutive year on the list. The company is also ranked No. 8 on *Computerworld's* list of "100 Best Places to Work in IT." Primary subsidiaries and divisions include: Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC, World Omni Financial Corp., JM&A Group, JM Service Center LLC, and JM Lexus. Headquartered in Deerfield Beach, Fla., JM Family has major operations in Jacksonville and Margate, Fla.; Commerce and Alpharetta, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; and St. Louis, Mo.

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