



SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SECOND HARVEST



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### **Second Harvest, Northrop Grumman, VITA and Food City Mark National Hunger Awareness Day with Week-long Food Drive; Second Harvest to Host Open House**

ABINGDON – The Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank, Northrop Grumman, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), and Food City are collaborating on a food drive to help mark National Hunger Awareness Day –June 6 – that will help feed hungry families in Southwest Virginia.

The partners will organize the “Feed the Truck” food drive at three Food City locations in Bristol and Abingdon from Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9, to collect foods for distribution to needy families throughout Southwest Virginia. Products needed are non-perishable food items, including cans of fruit, meat and vegetables, and bags or boxes of cereals, beans, rice, macaroni and pastas. Donations can be dropped off at the “Feed the Truck” barrels located inside the stores.

In addition, Second Harvest will host a National Hunger Awareness Day open house on Tuesday, June 6 at its Appalachian Branch headquarters (126 Russell Avenue, Abingdon) from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

More than 38 million Americans are hungry or at the risk of hunger. In Southwest Virginia, Second Harvest Food Bank provides food for an estimated 300,000 people

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annually. Of these 300,000 individuals, 25% are children under 18 years old and 11.5% are elderly. More than 60% need to choose between paying for food or utilities and 46% must choose between paying for food or paying for medical care.

Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank has been collecting and distributing millions of pounds of donated food annually for the hungry or those at risk of hunger since 1981.

This is the third food drive that Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank, Northrop Grumman and VITA have partnered on and the second this year.

As the Commonwealth of Virginia's largest non-retail private employer with deep roots in the state, Northrop Grumman and its partner, VITA, is honored to work with such outstanding organizations to provide assistance to Virginia families in need.

For more information about the food drive or the Southwestern Virginia Second Harvest Food Bank, please call 276-628-9266 or visit [www.swvasecondharvest.org](http://www.swvasecondharvest.org).

Below are the locations and dates for the food drive:

**What: "Feed the Truck" Food Drive**

**When: Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9, 2006**

**Where: The Following Food City Stores:**

**Bristol**

**1315 Euclid Avenue**

**100 Bonham Road**

**Abingdon**

**396 Towne Center Drive**

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