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ANNUAL SRS SUMMER FOOD DRIVE RAISES OVER \$21,000 TO WIPE OUT HUNGER IN THE CSRA

Aiken, S.C. (July 10)--The Projects, Engineering and Construction Division (PE&CD) and the Environmental Restoration Division (ERD) at the Savannah River Site jointly raised over \$21,000 in their annual summer food drive for the Golden Harvest Food Bank. "Wiping Out Hunger In The CSRA" was this year's food drive theme with a goal of \$20,000.

“Each year our employees eagerly work to make this food drive the great success it has become,” said John Oakland, Vice President and General Manager of PE&CD. “With the Environmental Restoration Division joining us this year, we easily surpassed our goal. Hopefully these donations will help replenish the shelves at Golden Harvest during the lean summer months.”

The SRS summer food drive is one of Golden Harvest Food Bank's largest single fundraisers in the local community. The annual summer drive originally began in 1991 in the construction department. In 1997 organizers extended the food drive to the division level. This year a second division has joined as a joint sponsor.

Also premiering as a corporate sponsor this year, Washington Group International donated \$3,500 to this year's fund-raiser.

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According to long-time PE&CD chair Sheri Still, the food drive has yielded over \$134,000 in funds to Golden Harvest. “The goal of our annual 10-week food drive is simply to let those in need locally know that the employees at SRS really do care about their well-being,” Still added.

SRS is host annually to two food drives. Their winter holiday food drive is scheduled for the end of this year.

Golden Harvest Food Bank Executive Director Mike Firmin said his organization counts on the annual summer drive to stock his warehouses. “During June, July and August, the ache of hunger can add to the heat of summer to create almost unbearable lives for many hundreds of families in our Georgia - South Carolina communities. But every summer Golden Harvest Food Bank counts on SRS and its generous workers to be able to spread the gift of needed food to these families,” Firmin said. “Golden Harvest receives thank you letters from mothers whose children have food only because of the summer and winter food drives at SRS.”

The Golden Harvest Food Bank is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to fight hunger by feeding hungry adults and children. Serving 24 counties in Georgia and South Carolina, the food bank has local warehouses in Augusta and Aiken.

Bechtel Savannah River Inc., one of four partnering companies with the Westinghouse Savannah River Company Team, operates PE&CD and ERD at SRS.

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