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**Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee Announces Day of Service
to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.**

Northeast Tennessee, January 17, 2025 – In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee is proud to announce a special Day of Service on Monday, January 20, 2025. This event aims to honor the legacy of Dr. King by bringing the community together to fight hunger and support those in need. It is designated as a National Day of Service to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by encouraging all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities.

This day is an opportunity for people to come together and engage in acts of service, such as cleaning up public spaces, mentoring young people, or addressing issues like hunger and homelessness. The goal is to build a "Beloved Community" as envisioned by Dr. King, where people work together to create positive change and bridge divides.

Volunteers from Goodwill, ETSU LEAD & Citibank will be joining us join us from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Activities will include sorting and packing food donations, assembling food boxes, and packing bags for our Food For Kids backpack program. This day of service is an opportunity for individuals, families, and groups to make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

"Dr. King's vision of a beloved community is one where everyone has access to the resources they need to thrive," said Rhonda Chafin, Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee. "By coming together on this day, we can honor his legacy and work towards a future where no one goes hungry."

For more information about the Day of Service or to learn how you can support Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, please visit netfoodbank.org or contact us at 423-279-0430.

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee's (SHFBNT) mission is to feed the hungry in Northeast Tennessee by securing donations of food from national and local manufacturers, grocers, and individuals and redistribute them to partner food pantries. Additionally, SHFBNT programs provide hunger relief services for an average of 43,000 food insecure individuals per month in Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Washington, and Unicoi Counties. SHFBNT is a 501c3 organization located in Kingsport, Tennessee and is a member of Feeding America, the Nation's largest Food Bank network. Website: www.netfoodbank.org.

