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UNIVERSITY MILLION MEALS EVENT SUCCEEDS

A record breaking 1 million Stop Hunger Now meals packaged in a single day

Raleigh, N.C. – More than 4,000 volunteers from eight area universities and colleges joined forces on August 23, 2008 to package a record breaking 1,010,374 meals in one day. The live-saving food aid will provide immediate relief in crisis-burdened El Salvador, Haiti and India's Maropon district.

Organized by Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., the event will further Stop Hunger Now's 2008 campaign to package 5.5 million meals to feed the world's hungry.

The "University Million Meals Event," hosted at three locations by NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and East Carolina University, surpassed a previous meal packaging record set at NC State last August when volunteers packaged more than 300,000 meals in a one-day event.

Many hands made light work as community volunteers and students from NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, Peace College, Meredith College, Saint Augustine's University, Duke University, and NC Central University worked alongside each other to reach the million meal goal.

"This effort was monumental because 1 million meals have never been packaged before in a single day. There is enough food in the world to end hunger. We need the human will to make it happen. The University Million Meals Event demonstrates the power of what we can do when people work together in a concerted effort," said Ray Buchanan, president and founder of Stop Hunger Now.

Stop Hunger Now's meals include rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a vitamin-fortified flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and minerals. Each meal costs 20 cents to make and corporate and individual sponsors donated the \$200,000 to make the event possible.

"An event of this magnitude takes strong collaboration. We are so thankful for our university partners, who did an outstanding job organizing the packaging events on their campuses. We appreciate all of the donors such as Liberty Tax Service, Progress Energy, Skanska USA the United Methodist Committee on Relief, whose support made this event possible. And, we have to thank the steadily growing number of volunteers who play an active role in Stop Hunger Now's mission to end hunger in our lifetime," said Rod Brooks, CEO of Stop Hunger Now.

Established in 1998, Stop Hunger Now is an international relief organization headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision to end world hunger in our lifetime and a mission to provide food and life-saving aid to the world's most destitute and hungry in the most sustainable, efficient and effective manner.

Churches, civic organizations, businesses or individuals interested in packaging meals or donating to the University Million Meals Event should contact Stop Hunger Now at info@stophungernow.org or call (888) 501-8440.

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