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THE MOSAIC COMPANY CONTINUES THEIR COMMITMENT TO A HUNGER-FREE FLORIDA WITH A GRANT TO THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS

Donation presented at Parker Farms in Bowling Green, Florida.

For the fourth consecutive year, Mosaic is donating \$100,000 to the Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB). The grant will support the recovery and distribution of wholesome but unmarketable fresh fruits and vegetables from Florida farms to neighbors and communities in need throughout west-central and southwest Florida. Mosaic has been a long-time partner in helping FAFB members and partners improve critical infrastructure and logistics at regional food banks and neighborhood food pantries to increase access to more nutritious foods.

“Fresh produce is essential and often missing from the diets of our clients,” said Rebecca Brislain, executive director of FAFB. “This ongoing grant adds essential nutrition to dinner tables and helps farmers to reduce food waste and lower costs.”

With last year’s grant from Mosaic, FAFB was able to source and distribute nearly 1.2 million pounds of fresh produce to food banks in Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk, Lee and Sarasota counties. That’s more than 952,000 meals from the farm to the dinner table.

“We truly appreciate and admire the critical work of the Florida Association of Food Banks and are thrilled to continue partnering with them in supporting the produce recovery program, Farmers Feeding Florida,” said Gary N. “Bo” Davis, Mosaic Senior Vice President, Phosphate Operations.

According to *Hunger in Florida 2014*, a report released by FAFB and their national partner Feeding America, 79% of food bank clients make ends meet by purchasing less expensive, less healthy foods. Lack of access to nutritious foods impacts overall health, increasing obesity and diet-related diseases like high blood pressure and diabetes. The report reveals that 58% of food bank client households have a member with high blood pressure and 33% have a member with diabetes.

“Providing nutritious produce to our clients is a high priority and we are grateful for Mosaic’s continued support of our Farmers Feeding Florida initiative and our member food banks,” said Brislain.

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About Florida Association of Food Banks

The Florida Association of Food Banks' members are the 13 Feeding America affiliated Regional Distribution Centers in Florida. Our members partner with more than 2,500 faith-based and nonprofit agencies meeting the daily needs of people who struggle with hunger throughout all 67 counties in the state of Florida. Through the generosity of food manufacturers, the Florida agricultural community, wholesalers, retailers, federal commodity programs, and local communities, our member Food Banks distributed more than 197 million pounds of food last year to our neighbors in need – the equivalent of 167 million meals. Farmers Feeding Florida is a program of FAFB and provided more than 16.2 million pounds of fresh Florida produce last year. More information is at www.HungerFreeFlorida.org.

About The Mosaic Company and The Mosaic Company Foundation:

The Mosaic Company is the world's largest combined producer and marketer of concentrated phosphate and potash, two essential crop nutrients. Driven by its mission to help the world grow the food it needs, Mosaic is committed to strengthening global food security and protecting critical water resources. The Mosaic Company and The Mosaic Company Foundation make investments in and partner with best-of-class leaders in the focus areas of food, water and local community investments. More information about Mosaic is available at www.mosaicco.com.