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Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA Healthy Pantry Initiative Press Conference

January 15, 2022 – Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is holding a press conference on **January 20, 2022**, at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel food pantry, located at 1531 East Grandview Boulevard at 2:00 PM.** The **Healthy Pantry Initiative (HPI)** is a project of Feeding Pennsylvania and is in partnership with the PA Department of Health and Second Harvest. This collaboration aims to increase access and consumption of healthy foods at member pantries and among the pantry clients through various promotion methods. The long-term goal is to reduce the burden of disease and increase the quality of life of Pennsylvanians who use food support systems.

Second Harvest Food Bank has been involved with the Healthy Pantry Initiative for over two years and 19 pantries currently participate in the program. The conference will showcase the HPI program, highlight these agencies, and reward those who have played a major role in influencing client food choices. All of which have lasting effects on overall health. "The mission at Second Harvest is to create awareness and educate the community on the realities of hunger. The Healthy Pantry Initiative provides the resources and strategies to promote healthier food choices for our clients." Karen Seggi, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank.

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About the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is to provide food to those in need within 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger. Last year, Second Harvest distributed over 10 million meals through an anti-hunger network of 395 partner organizations. Second Harvest serves the following 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania: Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango, and Warren.