

Contact: Natalie E. Massing Marketing & Media Coordinator nmassing@nwpafoodbank.org (814) 459-3663 x 104 Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA 1507 Grimm Drive Erie, PA 16501 www.nwpafoodbank.org

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania welcomes Feeding America CEO, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot

Erie, PA. -Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is proud to welcome Feeding America CEO, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, to our facility on Monday, March 7, 2022, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Second Harvest is a part of the Feeding America network, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization and the second-largest U.S. charity, according to Forbes. Claire is currently touring food banks in our region.

Through a network of more than 200 food banks, including Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA, Feeding America has provided 6.6 billion meals to tens of millions of people in need in the last year. This is also while supporting programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve.

Babineaux-Fontenot left the corporate world in 2017 in search of a new opportunity where she could help people and make a bigger impact. She became the CEO of Feeding America in 2018. Claire was named among the 100 most influential people in the world from TIME magazine in 2020, during the height of the global pandemic. Growing up in Opelousas, Louisiana, Clare honors her mother's giving spirit through her work with Feeding America.

The press is welcome to interview Claire after 9:00 AM on Monday, March 7, about her vision to alleviate chronic hunger and food insecurity in America.

####

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.