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Ballantyne Corporate Park Raises Over 140,000 Pounds During Annual Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – May 28, 2015 – Ballantyne Corporate Park (BCP) hosted its annual food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina April 15 through April 24. This year's drive raised a total of 140,055 to help fight hunger in the Charlotte region. This is its most successful food drive to date.

The annual Cans for a Cause drive is supported by tenants of Ballantyne Corporate Park. This year BCP collected the most needed items recommended by Second Harvest Food Bank as well as held a virtual food drive. Food Lion, through its Food Lion Feeds program, donated 5,000 pounds to support the drive and Carlisle Companies rose to the occasion, challenging tenants to match up to 11,605 pounds of food – the number represents Carlisle's address of 11605 N. Community House Rd. – to also help with the drive's success.

"We continue to be inspired by our tenants' generosity, and Carlisle's significant contribution is a testament to its ongoing commitment to supporting the greater Charlotte community," said Smoky Bissell, Chairman of Bissell. "The results further validate the collective impact of our Ballantyne Corporate Park community toward ending hunger, and we look forward to continuing to grow participation in future drives."

"We are so excited about the results of this year's Ballantyne Corporate Park food drive. It is always amazing to see businesses in our community challenge themselves and rally others they have connections with to join them in the fight to end hunger," said Kay Carter, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. "At a time when food drives start to slow down, efforts like these are critical to helping feed our hungry neighbors throughout spring and summer."

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2013-2014, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 45 million pounds of food and household items to almost 650 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.