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**LIFT UP AMERICA, CLEVELAND INDIANS, TYSON FOODS, GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK AND INSURANCE PARTNERS AGENCY**

**TEAM UP TO HOST FOOD DRIVE AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD**

*Tyson Foods to provide more than 30,000 pounds of protein to Cleveland-area food pantries*

Cleveland, Ohio – September is Hunger Action Month. Lift Up America and the Cleveland Indians are teaming up with Tyson Foods for the 13th consecutive year this Friday, September 14, at Progressive Field to bring the gift of food to more than 30 Cleveland-area pantries and hot meal programs.

Indians radio personality Jim Rosenhaus will emcee the 12 p.m. press conference at Gateway Plaza, followed by the food distribution until 1 p.m. Other Indians representatives including Karen Dolan and Andrew Miller will be joined by press conference speakers from Tyson Foods, Insurance Partners Agency, and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Following the news conference, the Indians player will assist more than 100 volunteers, including employees from presenting sponsor Insurance Partners Agency, to load 1,500 cases of donated protein product onto vehicles from community agencies served by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

“Hunger is a basic need that goes unmet for many families in Northeast Ohio. The Cleveland Indians are proud to host this food drive to combat hunger as part of our commitment to the region’s communities,” said Rebecca Kodysh, executive director of community impact for the Cleveland Indians.

"We are thankful to work with the Indians, Tyson Foods and Insurance Partners Agency again this year. Through these efforts in fighting hunger, we hope that we can serve as an example for our youth and encourage the next generation to be Ambassadors of Compassion,” said Eric Hannah, president of Lift Up America.

For the past 13 years, Tyson Foods has assisted Lift Up America in providing food in more than 20 cities to reduce domestic hunger in the United States. Since 2000, Tyson Foods has donated more than 100 million pounds of protein in the United States. “We’re proud to support the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and its efforts to address food insecurity in Northeast Ohio,” said Matt Pakula, senior manager, corporate social responsibility, Tyson Foods. “Our company purpose is to raise the world’s expectations for how much good food can do and today’s donation is the perfect example of that purpose coming to life.”

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**FOOD DONATION EVENT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD/GATEWAY PLAZA**

"Our communities and people are intertwined and depend on one another. Each of us has or will experience difficult times. We are grateful and honored to be able to help others. We challenge every organization and person to do what they can." says George Dadas, CEO of Insurance Partners Agency, food drive champion and presenting sponsor since 2010.

 “We’re grateful to the Cleveland Indians, Lift Up America, Tyson Foods, and Insurance Partners Agency to again provide this much needed protein that will help meet the ever-growing hunger needs of thousands of people the Greater Cleveland community,” said Tracey Mason, VP of Partnerships and Services for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. “Thank you for your continued commitment to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and feeding hungry people in Northeast Ohio. I know our partner agencies are thrilled to receive this nutritious product!”

**Lift Up America**, founded in 2004, is a non-profit organization that collaborates with corporations, professional and college sports teams and local nonprofit agencies to help the less fortunate. Lift Up America continues to expand their Ambassador of Compassion program across the U.S. The interactive leadership program for youth helps transform junior-high and high-school aged youth into resilient, confident individuals motivated to embrace a strong work ethic and engage them in local community service. For more information please visit www.aoclife.org.

**Tyson Foods, Inc.** (NYSE: TSN), with headquarters in Springdale, Arkansas, is one of the world's largest food companies with leading brands such as Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Sara Lee®, Ball Park®, Wright®, Aidells® and State Fair®. It’s a recognized market leader in chicken, beef and pork as well as prepared foods, including bacon, breakfast sausage, turkey, lunchmeat, hot dogs, pizza crusts and toppings, tortillas and desserts. The company supplies retail and foodservice customers throughout the United States and approximately 130 countries. Tyson Foods was founded in 1935 by John W. Tyson, whose family has continued to lead the business with his son, Don Tyson, guiding the company for many years and grandson, John H. Tyson, serving as the current chairman of the board of directors. The company currently has approximately 113,000 Team Members employed at more than 400 facilities and offices in the United States and around the world. Through its Core Values, Code of Conduct and Team Member Bill of Rights, Tyson Foods strives to operate with integrity and trust and is committed to creating value for its shareholders, customers and Team Members. The company also strives to be faith-friendly, provide a safe work environment and serve as stewards of the animals, land and environment entrusted to it.

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The **Greater Cleveland Food Bank** is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio, having made possible over 55 million meals in 2017 to hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties. The Food Bank’s mission is to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. We do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts. For more information, please visit www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org.

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