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City of Orlando Proclaims *Good is everywhere* Day as VyStar, Second Harvest and Community Partners Unite to Fight Hunger

Celebration of service brings volunteers together to support Central Florida families facing food insecurity

ORLANDO, FL - VyStar Credit Union employees joined community partners and local leaders at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida on Tuesday for a Day of Purpose volunteer event focused on addressing food insecurity and supporting families across Central Florida. During the event, the City of Orlando presented an official proclamation recognizing *Good is everywhere* Day, honoring a shared commitment to volunteerism, collaboration and community impact.

The event was part of VyStar's fifth annual *Good is everywhere* celebration, which brings together employees, members and community partners in support of organizations making a difference throughout the communities VyStar serves. Volunteers worked alongside representatives from Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida and other community partners to pack and sort food donations that will help support individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

“At VyStar, we believe good starts with people coming together to serve their communities,” said VyStar SVP/Foundation President Patricia McElroy. “This event demonstrates the power of partnership and purpose. We are grateful to Second Harvest Food Bank, the City of Orlando, our community partners and our volunteers for helping make a meaningful difference for families across Central Florida.”

The volunteer activation also recognized the impact of VyStar's **Good Starts Here Food Drive**, which collected more than 1,450 pounds of food throughout August at participating branches across Central Florida. Donations from the food drive will help support local hunger-relief efforts through Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, which distributes food through a network of more than 800 nonprofit feeding partners across a seven-county service area.

According to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, nearly 650,000 people in Central Florida experience hunger, including more than 178,000 children. Through volunteer service, food donations and community partnerships, organizations throughout the region continue working together to address this critical need.

"VyStar's investment in our community is a powerful reminder that good truly is everywhere," said Derrick Chubbs, President & CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. "Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is grateful to VyStar Credit Union for their commitment to taking action through volunteerism, food donations and amplifying the fight against hunger through their region-wide initiative. Every box packed and every pound donated helps provide hope and nourishment across Central Florida. We look forward to the meaningful impact this partnership will make for our friends and neighbors facing hunger."

As part of its commitment to community engagement, VyStar encourages employees to volunteer their time and talents throughout the year in support of nonprofits and causes that strengthen the communities it serves. The *Good is everywhere* celebration highlights that commitment through volunteer projects, partnerships and experiences that create positive impact across Florida and Georgia.

In 2025, VyStar employees contributed 8,253 volunteer hours during Good is everywhere, part of more than 45,000 volunteer hours donated across the organization throughout the year. VyStar also contributed $8.2 million to more than 440 nonprofit organizations, extending the impact of its commitment to Do Good across the communities it serves.

Learn more about *Good is everywhere* at vystarcu.org/goodiseverywhere.

About VyStar Credit Union
VyStar Credit Union is the 18th-largest credit union in the United States, with 80 full-service branches across Georgia and Florida, more than 1 million members and assets of over $14 billion. VyStar is a major employer in the region with over 2,300 employees across the communities it serves. VyStar membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the 29 Georgia counties, the 49 contiguous counties of Central to North Florida, as well as past and present military members and their families all over the world. Members benefit from convenient access to over 55,000 surcharge free ATMs worldwide. VyStar has earned national recognition from Time Magazine, Fortune, USA Today and Forbes for excellence in financial services, innovation and customer service, reflecting its commitment to delivering value and exceptional experiences to members. For more information, visit vystarcu.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and LinkedIn.

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida (SHFBCF)
SHFBCF is a member of Feeding America – the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the United States. SHFBCF secures and distributes food and grocery products to more than 800 local nonprofit feeding partners throughout Central Florida. With the help of food and financial donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, the food bank distributes 300,000 meals every day to a seven-county service area, which includes Brevard, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia. Feeding neighbors facing hunger is only the beginning. By investing in job training programs, advocating for access to nutritious foods, and inspiring our community to get involved, SHFBCF is leaning into the root causes of hunger and helping our neighbors thrive. With support from the Central Florida community, Second Harvest Food Bank is feeding inspiration, change, achievement, health — and families facing hunger. To learn more about SHFBCF, visit FeedHopeNow.org.