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Feed The Children and Illinois FCCLA Feeds 400 Families

Springfield, IL (April 18, 2009) – The Illinois Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is teaming up with international hunger relief organization Feed The Children to provide 400 Springfield families with boxes of food and personal care items on Saturday, April 18th at 1 p.m. at Horace Mann Green Parking Lot (corner of 9th and Washington).

The Salvation Army of Springfield is a Feed The Children partner agency and has pre-identified all 400 families who will each receive a 25 pound box of food and a box of personal care items.

Illinois students organized several fundraising drives for Feed The Children as part of an initiative for the FCCLA National Outreach Project. The students held fundraisers across the state both at FCCLA Events and in their local communities to raise the money for the semi-truck. Fundraisers included bagging groceries for tips, car washes, bake sales and penny wars. FCCLA students nationwide are organizing similar fundraising efforts to deliver food to impoverished families and to raise awareness about child hunger in America.

“In the United States, one out of four children under the age of twelve is either hungry or at risk of going hungry,” says Feed The Children founder and president Larry Jones. “FCCLA student members have demonstrated not only an awareness of this problem, but a commitment to do something tangible about it. Their activism and enthusiasm help us put more trucks on the road—delivering food and other essentials to children and families who are struggling to survive.”

About Feed The Children

Founded in 1979 by Larry and Frances Jones, Feed The Children is consistently ranked as one of the 10 largest international charities in the U.S., based on private, non-government support. Feed The Children is a Christian, international, nonprofit relief organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that delivers food, medicine, clothing and other necessities to individuals, children and families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty or natural disasters. In FY 2006, Feed The Children distributed more than 129 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and their families in all 50 states and internationally, supplementing more than 738,000 meals each day. Since its founding, the organization has reached out to help those in need in 118 countries around the globe. For more information, please visit www.feedthechildren.org.

About FCCLA

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education. FCCLA has more than 220,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

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