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## **FORGOTTEN HARVEST NAMED IN TOP 10 CHARITY LIST BY CHARITY NAVIGATOR**

*Mobile food rescue in elite eight percent of nonprofits  
to receive four consecutive 4-star ratings*

OAK PARK, Mich. (July 12, 2010) – Charity Navigator named Forgotten Harvest to its national “10 Slam-Dunk Charities” list. The list includes only the nonprofit organizations across the country that have best demonstrated a focus on fiscal health – best managing and growing its finances – while also providing clear parameters respecting the rights of its donors.

Along with this prestigious designation, Forgotten Harvest also received its fourth consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Forgotten Harvest is among only eight percent of the more than 5,000 nonprofits evaluated by Charity Navigator to receive at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations. This eight percent is made up only of nonprofits that consistently execute their mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperform most other charities in America.

Charity Navigator, founded in 2001, is the nation’s largest and most-utilized evaluator of nonprofit organizations across the country. Charity Navigator’s team of professional analysts examine the tens of thousands of nonprofit financial documents demonstrating the financial health of more than 5,000 of America’s best-known charities to develop an unbiased, objective, numbers-based rating for each. The rating is based on two broad areas of a charity’s financial health: how responsibly it functions day-to-day and how well positioned it is to sustain programs over time.

Forgotten Harvest is the only mobile food rescue operation in the metropolitan area providing prepared and perishable foods and is ranked the second leading food rescue operation in the nation.

With 25 refrigerated trucks, operating six days per week, Forgotten Harvest picks up approximately 75,000 pounds of food per day from more than 455 donors. The food is

then delivered to soup kitchens, pantries and shelters throughout Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, amounting to a more than 2,000 square-mile area. Donors include large grocers, restaurants, public venues, commercial farms, dairies, food brokers and a variety of other resources meeting all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state and local laws and regulations.

### **About Forgotten Harvest**

Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 to fight two problems: hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest “rescued” 19.3 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to 165 emergency food providers in the Metro Detroit area.

Learn more about Forgotten Harvest and how to help drive hunger from our community at [www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org).