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TORONTO: As part of the annual Drive Away Hunger program, BDO joined forces again with Farm Credit Canada to collect donations for local food banks across Canada. Last year, the national accounting and advisory firm raised almost 312,000 lbs of food but vowed to break its record for 2012 with at least 350,000 lbs.

BDO offices coordinated another round of barbecues, chili cook-off contests, raffles and more to attract members of their communities. A combination of internal and external contributions over the September 24 to October 19 campaign duration resulted in \$185,840.98 and 79,909.04 lbs of food, equaling 461,321 lbs altogether. Each dollar collected through the campaign was counted as 2 lbs of food, while every donation made directly to Food Banks Canada was counted as 4 lbs.

Keith Farlinger, CEO of BDO, stated: “For the past month, all 106 of our offices across the country proved their commitment to their local communities by hosting numerous events to raise money and food donations for hungry Canadians. At the end of the 2012 campaign, we are very proud of our partners and staff for reaching an incredible total – almost 32% higher than our goal for the year.”

Greg Stewart, FCC President and CEO, said: “I’m very proud of the great success we’ve achieved this year, and I thank the many partners, FCC employees, customers, and the agriculture and agri-food community across Canada for their ongoing support for Drive Away Hunger. Through our shared commitment and dedication, we’ve come together to help fight hunger, which is a real and pressing need for almost a million Canadians not just today, but every day.”

Since its inception in 2004, Farm Credit Canada has raised over 9.2 million lbs of food and over \$760,000 through its Drive Away Hunger campaign. According to Food Banks Canada, over 900,000 Canadians rely on food banks each month from coast to coast.