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EGGFest Raises Record Amount for Two Food Charities

Louisville, KY – Once again, Brownsboro Hardware and Paint's annual EGGFest Food Festival has raised a record amount. More than \$40,000 will be going to two local food-related charities.

A total of \$40,112.00 will be split between Kentucky Harvest and A Recipe to End Hunger. Both checks - \$20,056.00 for each charity - were presented today to representatives of the two food-related charities. That's more than \$4,100 more than last year,

"This is phenomenal amount of money raised, and we could not be more pleased," said Doug Carroll, owner of Brownsboro Hardware & Paint. "We are grateful to the people who made it happen – the cooks, the chefs, the sponsors and all those who attended this year's EGGFest Food Festival. We feel an obligation to give back to the community, and together, we have once again been able to make a difference."

Funds raised from events such as the EggFEST Food Festival help us keep our trucks on the road to rescue over 2.5 million pounds of food each year and feed over 250,000 people," added Heather Stewart, executive director of Kentucky Harvest. "With 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children suffering from food insecurity in our community each day, food rescue is very important. Inflation has made it difficult for families to make ends meet. Our trucks pick up and deliver food 365 days a year. With increasing costs and gas prices, this money will help keep our trucks running and the food going to where it's needed most."

"100 percent of these funds raised by Brownsboro Hardware & Paint and donated to 'A Recipe to End Hunger' will go right back into the community and into the bellies of those in need," said Dawne Gee, founder of 'A Recipe to End Hunger'". "Need is up like never before because studies show that giving is at a three decades low. We are often called on by many nonprofits in our city in emergency situations. We so appreciate how the community has embraced EggFEST to make a change for food insecure individuals in our neighborhoods who have no idea where their next meal will come from."

The annual Big Green EggFEST Food Festival, held this year on August 2-3, is a food festival and cooking competition with all food cooked on a ceramic charcoal barbecue cooker called, "The Big Green Egg," sold at Brownsboro Hardware & Paint. Nearly \$400,000 has been raised from previous EggFESTS. Next year's annual event has been scheduled for August 1-2, 2025

For more information on Kentucky Harvest or to make a donation, visit <u>kyharvest.org</u>. For additional information on A Recipe to End Hunger or to donate, visit <u>arecipetoendhunger.com</u>.

Known for its product quality and tremendous service, Brownsboro Hardware & Paint will soon celebrate its 64th anniversary. Brownsboro Hardware & Paint is a recent recipient of the Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Ethics among small businesses, and this year, Business First cited the company as one of its top Partners in Philanthropy. In addition, a national hardware magazine, HBS Dealer, has previously awarded the store its "Superstar" recognition for being the top hardware store in Kentucky over an entire decade.

Brownsboro Hardware & Paint has two locations - 4858 Brownsboro Road in Louisville, and 9521 US 42 in Prospect. Visit Brownsborohardware.com for additional information.