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Bruce Springsteen and Springs Close Foundation Each Give \$50,000 to Food Bank Serving South Carolina

FORT MILL, SC — As part of his performance last night at Charlotte's Time Warner Cable Arena, rock-n-roll legend Bruce Springsteen pledged to match any gift of up to \$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank. The Springs Close Foundation responded to the call with the maximum gift, \$50,000, securing a \$100,000 donation for the Food Bank which will be used for Lancaster, Chester and York Counties. The gift equals approximately 60,000 pounds of food for needy residents.

"This was a perfect opportunity to help amplify the Foundation's current focus on providing emergency and basic needs to the South Carolina communities we serve," said Angela McCrae, the Foundation's president. "It was the perfect chance to leverage our own philanthropy and help raise awareness of a local need with the help of an international star."

McCrae, Foundation Chairman Anne Springs Close, and Alex Sullivan, a member of the Foundation's Community Advisory Committee for Fort Mill, had the opportunity to meet Springsteen backstage during the concert. Close told Springsteen that the two of them shared a common surname; her family name, Springs, was changed from Springsteen when an ancestor arrived in Delaware in the early 1700s. Both Close and Springsteen can trace their roots back to Holland. Close said that Springsteen was completely down to earth and charming during their conversation.

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