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MAZON GRANTS OVER \$3 MILLION TO SUPPORT HUNGER RELIEF

Los Angeles, CA (July 11, 2011) – MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, a leader in the national anti-hunger community, has awarded over \$3 million to 286 carefully-screened organizations fighting hunger in the United States, Israel and selected developing nations. Over its 25-year history, MAZON has made grants totaling more than \$53 million.

"We are proud of our longstanding commitment to the fight to end hunger," says Mia Hubbard, Grants Director at MAZON. "Our grants help agencies rise to the challenge of feeding their hungry neighbors, and expanding access to government safety-net programs that shield families from some of the worst effects of the recession."

MAZON grantees represent the entire spectrum of the nation's anti-hunger network: from food banks, food pantries, home-delivered meal programs and kosher meal programs to advocacy organizations who work at the local, state and national level to expand participation in federal food assistance programs and champion the development of lasting solutions.

"Our current economic and political climate is both challenging and disheartening for those who struggle every day to put food on the table," says Abby J. Leibman, President & CEO of MAZON. "It's clear our work is far from done. The need for MAZON – its grantmaking, its

advocacy, and its policy work – is more critical than ever before. The nation’s charitable hunger relief agencies are overtaxed from increased demand and decreased supply, while at the same time the safety net programs that prevent widespread hunger are in danger of being dismantled. We must unite to stop this terrible injustice.”

For a complete list of 2011 grant recipients, please visit <http://mazon.org/go/2011grants/>.

About MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Founded in 1985, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

MAZON, which means “food” or "sustenance" in Hebrew, was the first national organization to rally the American Jewish community around the issue of hunger, and remains the only national Jewish organization dedicated exclusively to that same cause. MAZON practices and promotes a multi-faceted approach to hunger relief recognizing the importance of responding to hungry peoples’ immediate need for nutritious food while also working to develop and advance long-term solutions.

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