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## Stop Hunger Now and Embassy Suites by Hilton Southern California Partners to Package 10,000 Meals

50 Volunteers join the movement to end world hunger

(Brea, CA, November 6, 2015) - Stop Hunger Now and Southern California's Embassy Suites by Hilton hotels are joining forces in the fight against hunger. On October 30, 2015, more than 50 Embassy Suites employees convened at the Embassy Suites Brea – North Orange County hotel to prepare and package meals to help feed world's hungry. Stop Hunger Now is a volunteer-based program that coordinates streamlined meal packaging events to provide highly nutritious, dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables and 22 essential vitamins and minerals.

Director of Sales Lisa Kotlar says, "Embassy Suites by Hilton Southern California Hotels are excited to partner with Stop Hunger Now and package meals for world's hunger. It is a great opportunity not only for our company but for our employees to come together as a community to help others in need. It gives us the privilege to make a difference in so many people's lives."

Around the world, nearly 805 million people lack adequate food. Stop Hunger Now operates meal packaging locations in 19 cities throughout the U.S. and in four international locations in South Africa, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Italy. More than 450,000 volunteers from corporations, churches, schools and civic organizations have packaged Stop Hunger Now meals.

Founded in 1998, Stop Hunger Now has delivered aid and disaster relief supplies in the form of food, medical supplies, clothing, school supplies, and more to thousands of disaster victims and other hungry and vulnerable people in 65 countries.

"What we want everyone to know is that hunger is solvable and is the common thread among the world's most challenging issues. When hunger is targeted, you give leverage and hope to every other cause including poverty, disease, education and the welfare of women and children," said Rod Brooks, President and CEO of Stop Hunger Now.

Additionally the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-North, Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange, Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-South, Embassy Suites by Hilton Arcadia, Embassy Suites by Hilton Irvine, Embassy Suites by Hilton La Quinta, Embassy Suites by Hilton Lompoc, Embassy Suites by Hilton Los Angeles/Downey, Embassy Suites by Hilton Los Angeles International Airport-North, Embassy Suites by Hilton Ontario, Embassy Suites by Hilton Santa Ana, Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo, and Embassy Suites by Hilton Temecula Valley collected canned food during October to donate to local families in need.

"Our goal was to fill ten 50lb. boxes of food to donate to the local 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank for distribution locally," Kotlar said, which we achieved".

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## About Embassy Suites by Hilton

Embassy Suites by Hilton, one of Hilton Worldwide's twelve market-leading brands, is dedicated to delivering what matters most to travelers. The full service, upscale brand offers two-room suites, free made-to-order breakfast and a nightly two-hour reception with complimentary drinks and snacks. Both leisure and business travelers looking for a relaxed, yet sophisticated experience will feel right at home with brand-standard amenities like inviting atriums and complimentary 24-hour business and fitness centers. Embassy Suites by Hilton has over 220 hotels with more than 40 in the pipeline. Hilton HHonors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to benefits including free Wi-Fi, as well as digital amenities that are available exclusively through the industry-leading Hilton HHonors app, where HHonors members can check-in and choose their room. For more information, visit www.embassysuites.com, and connect with Embassy Suites by Hilton at <u>news.embassysuites.com</u>, www.facebook.com/embassysuiteshotels and www.twitter.com/EmbassySuites.

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**For more than 15 years, Stop Hunger Now** has been creating a movement to end hunger with more than 140,000,000 meals distributed along with other aid to 65 countries. Driven by a mission to end hunger in our lifetime, the organization provides food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and helps mobilize the necessary resources impacting millions of lives.

Stop Hunger Now meal packaging programs offer volunteers the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world's poor and hungry. In 2013, Stop Hunger Now packaged 38.6 million meals in the U.S. and an additional 3.3 million meals were packaged by international locations.

In its efforts to respond to emergency needs around the world Stop Hunger Now receives and distributes significant donations of inkind aid. These donations are large quantities of food, medicines, medical supplies and other such items as may be of use in fighting hunger and providing relief in a crisis. For more information visit<u>www.stophungernow.org</u>.





