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SERVING UP SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE HUNGER IN ARKANSAS

Legislators Raise Money for Statewide Programs

LITTLE ROCK, AR June 19, 2017)– More than 240 people gathered at Noah’s Event Center in west Little Rock on Thursday evening, June 15th, to raise money for the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and awareness of the food insecurity problem in Arkansas. For the tenth consecutive year members of the Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus served dinner to sponsors and guests on this evening of bipartisan support for the work of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and its programs. Event co-chairs, former Governor Mike Beebe and Mrs. Beebe with Ruth and Lance Whitney, were please to report that this year’s event, which included silent and live auctions in addition to dinner, raised \$121,294.

"We are very grateful to everyone involved in Serving up Solutions over the past 10 years," said Alliance Executive Director Kathy Webb. "Our donors are doing so much more than giving money; they are giving kids a chance to be kids and parents the skills to make healthy homes. That’s huge, and on behalf of the children, seniors and families we serve, we say thank you."

The former Governor and First Lady helped establish the annual event that began in 2007. The event is a bipartisan effort to bring increased awareness of hunger in our state and encourage participation by legislators in helping bring about policy solutions. The event has raised more than \$625,000 to help support the programs of the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and provide capacity building grants to member food banks and food pantries across Arkansas.

Guests were served a 4-course dinner by members of the Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus. This year’s meal was prepared by noted area chefs: Chef Mindy Mitchell, executive chef of Honey Pies; Chef Rosalia Monroe, Café Bossa Nova; Chef Capi Peck owner of Trio’s; Chef Mary Beth Ringold of Copper Grill, Capers and Cajun’s Wharf; Chef Charon Woodson of Honey Pies and Courtney Stower, general manager and bartender at South on Main.

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About The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, lead partner in Arkansas for the No Kid Hungry campaign, is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 480 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas. Our founding members include the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfolk, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith. The Alliance is dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs, donor and volunteer opportunities.