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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Credit Union Hosting Food Drive in October**

**(N. CHARLESTON, S.C.) – Oct. 1, 2009** – South Carolina Federal Credit Union will host a month-long food drive at all branches.

The food drive will take place October 1 through 30, from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., in every branch. The food drive marks International Credit Union Month, a worldwide celebration of credit unions' founding philosophy. Credit unions are non-profit financial cooperatives committed to enhance the welfare of communities they serve.

“Credit unions are not for profit, not for charity, but for service,” said Scott Woods, president and CEO. “Especially given the alarming incidence of hunger in South Carolina, the credit union commitment to ‘people helping people’ compels us to do whatever we can for needy children, adults and families.”

South Carolina Federal has partnered with the Lowcountry Food Bank in the Charleston area and Harvest Hope Food Bank in the Midlands to ensure that donated food reaches deserving service organizations.

“We are very fortunate to have South Carolina Federal as a partner in our effort to end hunger in our community,” said Jermaine Husser, executive director of Lowcountry Food Bank. “In difficult times, our clients look to our organization for the answer, and with the amount of food this food drive potentially could produce, we could truly simplify life for hundreds of families this holiday season.”

“Harvest Hope Food Bank has had 140 percent increase in service delivery with an extreme need for additional food resources like this one sponsored by South Carolina Federal,” said Denise R. Holland, executive director of Harvest Hope Food Bank.

“Canned foods are desperately needed to help meet this increased demand,” Holland said, “and we are so thankful for the credit union’s food drive and encourage participation. With the summer months through the holiday period,

we can anticipate serving almost 500,000 people who are for various reasons experiencing hunger, particularly in S.C., where unemployment is so high.

Members and non-members may donate healthy, non-perishable canned foods and dry goods at any South Carolina Federal branch from October 1 to 30. Food collection barrels will be located just inside the entrance doors at every branch.

For branch locations, visit [scfederal.org](http://scfederal.org), or call 843-797-8300 (**Charleston**) or 800-845-0432 (**Nationwide**). For a list of food items most desired by the Lowcountry Food Bank, visit [www.lowcountryfoodbank.org](http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org).

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About South Carolina Federal

**South Carolina Federal Credit Union**, headquartered in North Charleston, is one of the 100 largest credit unions in the United States. More than 155,000 members own and belong to the not-for-profit financial cooperative, which has over \$1.4 billion in assets. South Carolina Federal is a community-chartered credit union. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Dorchester, Berkeley, Charleston, Orangeburg, Clarendon, Calhoun or Georgetown counties, and most of the Columbia area, is eligible to join. South Carolina Federal has 19 branches, a lending center and more than 75 ATMs throughout Charleston, Columbia, Georgetown, Orangeburg, St. Matthews and Manning. In 2008, South Carolina Federal for the second consecutive year was voted one of the Best Places to Work in the state. More information about South Carolina Federal can be found at [scfederal.org](http://scfederal.org) or on the SiMPLE CENTS blog at [simplecentsblog.org](http://simplecentsblog.org).

About Lowcountry Food Bank

**The Lowcountry Food Bank** is a member of Feeding America food banks, the largest provider of emergency food distribution in the United States. The Lowcountry Food Bank is a clearinghouse for donated food products that are distributed to a network of more than 320 member agencies including soup kitchens, homeless shelters and emergency food pantries. The Lowcountry Food Bank's mission is feed the hungry of the ten coastal counties of South Carolina by soliciting and distributing food and grocery products to nonprofit agencies serving the poor and by educating the public about the problems of and solutions to domestic hunger.