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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Good Sam and Extra Table Seek Volunteers To Unload 37 Tons of Donated Food**

**JACKSON**, Miss. -August 31, 2020- Hub for the Hungry, powered by Good Sam and Extra Table, will receive 74,000 pounds of donated food from Dot Foods Thursday at 9 a.m. The organizations are seeking volunteers to help get the job done safely and efficiently. Donations will be unloaded at Good Sam's back parking lot.

This volunteer opportunity is open to all who are able and willing. Any amount of time volunteered will be appreciated. Volunteers can message Good Samaritan Center on social media or call the front office to RSVP. All participants must wear a mask.

Extra Table Executive Director, Martha Allen, says she is excited to be partnering with Dot Foods and looks forward to the massive impact this new partnership will make on Mississippians from all over.

"I'm ecstatic Dot Foods will be joining our Hub for the Hungry collaboration! We have gone from spring, to summer, and are turning the corner into fall, still facing the effects of COVID-19. Continued donations of food are critically important and a donation like this of monumental size will have a grand impact supporting our partnered efforts to get food to food pantries state-wide," Allen said.

With this great new partnership, comes a great new need for volunteers, especially this Thursday, as emphasized by Allen.

“74,000 pounds! That’s SO much food - two 53’ trucks, one refrigerated and one frozen. It’s super exciting, but we’re going to need all the help we can get this Thursday. Come one, come all – the more the merrier but wear your mask,” Allen said.

Owned and operated by the Tracy family, and No. 67 on the Forbes List for the Largest Private Companies in the U.S., Dot Foods, a major international food distributor, supplies food to a variety of entities, including retailers, wholesalers, foodservice, and now Hub for the Hungry.

The Good Samaritan Center is a private, non-profit social service agency. It is funded by churches, private contributions, and fundraising. Its mission is to assist families and individuals in emergency situations and does so by working closely with other organizations to form a “network of helping hands.”

Powered by Good Sam and ExtraTable, the Hub for the Hungry program unites Mississippi nonprofit agencies with food distribution companies and local farmers.

For more information about this volunteer opportunity or the Good Samaritan Center, contact Madeline Waggoner at 334.313.2094 or [madelinewaggoner@goodsamaritancenter.org](mailto:madelinewaggoner@goodsamaritancenter.org).

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# FACT SHEET

## “Hub for the Hungry” partners

- Good Samaritan Center\*
- Extra Table\*
  - Extra Table is a non-profit organization committed to ending hunger by providing food pantries and soup kitchens with the new and healthy food they need to feed the hungry in their community.
- CMPDD
  - The Central Mississippi Planning & Development District has been promoting regional excellence since 1968. Their purpose is to assist with creative regional solutions to relevant and emerging issues for our participating governments.
- KLLM Transport
  - KLLM was the first nationwide, temperature-controlled carrier to utilize satellite communications fleet wide. All KLLM trucks, as well as all lease trucks, are linked to our Jackson, Mississippi, headquarters through a satellite communications network. This system has allowed us to enhance our service to our customers, our drivers and the entire KLLM system.
- Sysco
  - Sysco Jackson lives and works in Mississippi and Louisiana providing their partners with food service, business consultations, and local support.
- Merchants Foodservice
  - From humble roots more than 110 years ago in south Mississippi, Merchants Foodservice has grown into the 12th-largest foodservice distributor in the United States with operations in 12 states. More than 6,000 customers trust Merchants Foodservice and its hardworking team of 800 individuals to meet their needs.
- Two Dog Farms
  - Two Dog Farms is a small family farm using sustainable and natural growing methods to ensure the healthiest produce available.
- Salad Days
  - Salad Days is a hydroponic farm that specializes in growing pesticide-free produce and is able to supply a wide variety of lettuce 365 days a year. Family owned and operated by Jamie Redmond and Leigh Bailey.
- Dot Foods
  - Owned and operated by the Tracy family since 1960, Dot Foods is one the leading food distributors in the nation, offering foods to all types of entities such as wholesalers, retailers, foodservices, and now local nonprofits organizations, such as Good Sam & Extra Table.



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### **Media Alert**

**WHO** Extra Table & Good Sam staff, volunteers, Hub for the Hungry partners, Dot Foods

**WHAT** 74,000 POUNDS of donated food will be arriving at Good Samaritan Center. The distribution of the food will be administered by Good Sam and will be given to food insecure families all throughout the state.

**WHEN** Thurs., Sept. 3, 2020 at 9 a.m to around 3 p.m.

**WHERE** Good Samaritan Center's back parking lot  
114 Millsaps Avenue  
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**INFO** The Good Samaritan Center is a private non-profit social service agency. It is funded by churches, private contributions, and fundraising.

The Center was started in 1972 under the direction and financial support of seven Jackson churches. Since that time, The Good Samaritan Center has grown to include a main office in Jackson and a branch in Laurel, Mississippi.

The Good Samaritan's mission is to assist families and individuals in emergency situations. We work closely with other organizations to form a "network of helping hands." Our motto is "if we can't help, we should know (or be able to find out) who can."

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