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Lowcountry Food Bank Receives One Million Dollar Donation

*Paul Hulsey of Hulsey Law Group makes unprecedented gift to
Lowcountry Food Bank Growing Forward Capital Campaign*

CHARLESTON, S.C., Aug. 19, 2008 -- The Lowcountry Food Bank announced today Paul Hulsey's generous donation of \$1 million that places the vital community organization one giant step closer to its Growing Forward Capital Campaign goal of \$5 million. "After experiencing poverty and hunger first hand as a child," stated Paul Hulsey, partner of Hulsey Law Group, "I told myself if I ever got out of it, if I ever became somewhat successful, I would direct some of my success towards giving back to the community." Through the Growing Forward Capital Campaign, Hulsey's million-dollar donation will be directed towards the community and the thousands of hungry people the Lowcountry Food Bank serves across the ten coastal counties. "In honor of this donation it is with great pleasure to announce that the building will be named the Paul Hulsey Community Food and Nutrition Center," announced Lowcountry Food Bank Executive Director D. Jermaine Husser.

After Hulsey's gift, the Growing Forward Capital Campaign has now raised \$3.7 million towards the overall campaign. Husser shared, "Everyday the Lowcountry Food Bank witnesses the real strength of its mission in the vital bridges it builds between local business and community service organizations. On behalf of the Lowcountry Food Bank and all the clients we serve, we are honored to have Paul's tremendous friendship and his faith in our organization."

Facing the loss of the current building on Cosgrove Avenue to the Noisette redevelopment project, the organization launched a \$5 million Growing Forward Campaign to fund a new home. After completing Phase I of the campaign by raising \$2.5 million, the Lowcountry Food Bank was able to acquire its new 60,000 square foot facility on Azalea Drive in North Charleston. With a move-in date of October 2008, there is much to be done including renovation. At the new location, the organization will continue serving nearly 55,000 children who go hungry and 14 percent of Lowcountry residents who are at risk for going hungry in coastal South Carolina each day.

"This is a really exciting time for the Lowcountry Food Bank," stated Shawn Jenkins, chairman of the Growing Forward Capital Campaign and president and CEO of Benefitfocus. "The new facility will give us expanded reach and capabilities to serve those in need in the ten coastal counties. And with this amazing donation, we are well over half-way to reaching our goal."

Motivated by the belief that "success carries with it the obligation to help the less fortunate," Hulsey is hoping his donation to the Growing Forward Capital Campaign will be a catalyst for many others in the community. "I like a good fight. I've had to fight for everything in my life and the fight to end hunger is a fight we'll win with the help of others. If everyone would step up and do their share we could win the battle on hunger," commented Hulsey.

About The Lowcountry Food Bank

The Lowcountry Food Bank is a member of America's Second Harvest—the nation's Food Bank Network, 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 to feed the hungry of the ten coastal counties of South Carolina by soliciting and distributing healthy food and grocery products to nonprofit agencies serving the poor and by educating the public about the problems of and solutions to domestic hunger.

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