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Second Harvest and The Salvation Army of Spokane Receive Grants from Avista Foundation

SPOKANE, Wash. June 16, 2011: [Second Harvest's](#) "Future of Feeding Hope" capital campaign received a grant of \$75,000 and [The Salvation Army of Spokane's](#) Center for Nurturing Children & Families received a grant of \$25,000 from the [Avista Foundation](#).

The grant to Second Harvest will support the organization's capital campaign to upgrade and improve the 60-year-old warehouse that serves as its distribution center. The organization provides food for more than 250 neighborhood food banks and meal centers, spanning 26 counties in the Inland Northwest that feed nearly 40,000 people each week. The grant will help with energy efficiency upgrades inside the distribution center as well as to increase the capacity of the warehouse to handle the increased processing of fresh produce donations.

The Salvation Army of Spokane's Center for Nurturing Children & Families provides a safe location for family visitations, mental health counseling and parenting classes. These programs serve children and families who live in The Salvation Army Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, as well as low income residents in the community. The grant will support retrofitting existing unused office space to accommodate these programs.

"We are very pleased to make these grants through our foundation. We value highly the work of these two organizations as they have deep roots in the communities we serve and make positive impacts on the lives of families," said Dennis Vermillion, president of Avista Utilities and member of the Board of Directors of the Avista Foundation.

About the Avista Foundation

The Avista Foundation, established in 2002, focuses its giving on grants that strengthen communities and enhance the quality of life for people served by Avista Utilities in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, southern Oregon and Sanders County, Montana. The foundation focuses its giving in the areas of:

- education – K-12 education particularly in the fields of science, math and technology; and higher education including scholarships,
- vulnerable and limited income populations – providing assistance to those on limited incomes and support for initiatives to reduce poverty,

- economic and cultural vitality – supporting projects that help communities and citizens to grow and prosper.

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