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**Local Businesses Pack 10,000 Meals for Haiti in One Hour
Stop Hunger Now Encourages Other Businesses to Follow Suit**

Cary, N.C. (Feb. 15, 2010) — Local businesses [ShareFile](#), [RPG Solutions](#), [Brooks Bell Interactive](#) and [S&A Cherokee](#) partnered with Stop Hunger Now to sponsor a meal-packing event on Feb. 11, the one-month eve of Haiti's 7.0 earthquake. Within one hour, 10,000 meals were stuffed, packed and ready to be shipped to survivors.

"The need in Haiti is tremendous and for only \$2,500, businesses can purchase 10,000 meals to pack," said Ray Buchanan, Stop Hunger Now president. "Most businesses can raise that money pretty easily if they partner up. These four companies are an example of that, and what corporate responsibility is all about."

Stop Hunger Now, a Raleigh-based international hunger relief agency whose meals have helped feed over 50,000 survivors a day since the disaster, makes it easy for businesses to host an event. Hosts are responsible for raising funds to purchase the meals and providing the space and volunteers to pack them; Stop Hunger Now brings the supplies and does the rest.

"We thought we were only going to have 30 to 40 volunteers sign up but the response was overwhelming," said host Jesse Lipson, owner of ShareFile. "We had to cut it off at 100 volunteers because we didn't have the space to accommodate them."

Additional sponsors included [Entrepreneurs' Organization](#), [Band Together NC](#) and [ROI Revolution](#). After meals were packed, volunteers shifted gears to networking over food provided by [Bella Monica](#) restaurant and beverages provided by Brooks Bell Interactive.

"Of course the main reason people showed up was to help Haiti," said Phil Gruber, president of RPG Solutions. "But I think offering networking afterwards was another way to increase interest, donations and attendance."

In addition to raising enough funds to cover the meals packed, the event brought in an additional \$1,600 for Stop Hunger Now.

"We organized and pulled it off in two weeks because Stop Hunger Now made it so easy for us to host this event," said Brooks Bell, president of Brooks Bell Interactive. "The Triangle is full

of businesses that can do the same thing and really make a difference in Haiti, so we encourage them to follow suit.”

For additional information about meal-packing events, visit www.stophungernow.org or call (919) 839-0689.

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About Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Its meal packaging program provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals. In its efforts to respond to emergencies around the world, Stop Hunger Now receives and distributes significant donations of in-kind aid including large quantities of food, medicines, medical supplies and other such items as may be of use in fighting hunger and providing relief in a crisis. For additional information, visit www.stophungernow.org or call (919) 839-0689.