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16,500 volunteers converge on Miami-Dade Youth Fair to pack 5 million meals on behalf of Feed My Starving Children

MIAMI, Fla. – Feb. 8, 2016 – The Miami-Dade Youth Fair & Exposition hosted 16,500 volunteers who packed more than 5 million meals on behalf of Feed My Starving Children on Jan. 27-31 at the Fairgrounds . Their efforts will allow 14,000 children in Haiti and Latin America to receive one healthy meal a day for an entire year.

“It was humbling to see thousands of South Florida residents volunteer their time to take a stand against world hunger,” said Robert Hohenstein, president and CEO of the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition. “Thank you to Feed My Starving Children for thinking of The Youth Fair for this event.”

The Youth Fair hosts 60-70 shows and events each year in addition to the four-week Youth Fair. A variety of sites are available on its 86-acre landscaped grounds to rent for indoor and outdoor events.

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit organization that provides nutritionally complete meals for starving, malnourished and hungry people. The prepackaged dry meals – costing less than 25 cents each to make – are funded and assembled by donor-volunteers in the United States. Partners in the United States use the food to prevent starvation and curb malnourishment in children and families worldwide. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in its history.

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair) is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized in 2015 as the Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, the Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and was the Diamond Award Winner for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit fairexpo.com or call 305-223-7060.