



The Nashville Food Project expands food recovery efforts

Donated truck allows reclaimed produce and harvested food to be shared with 1,100 each week



NASHVILLE, **Tenn. – June 2**, **2015 –** The Nashville Food Project has expanded its food recovery efforts with the recent donation of a new refrigerated truck. The produce transported in the new truck is reclaimed from local grocers and harvested on local farms for inclusion in the approximately 1,100 meals that are shared in the community each week.

"The Nashville Food Project addresses food insecurity in our community," said Executive Director Tallu Schuyler Quinn. "Each week, we share meals in food-insecure neighborhoods in our city. The donation of the truck by <u>H.G. Hill Realty Company</u> aids our efforts tremendously, especially as we are heading into the growing season. There's an abundance of fresh, healthy produce available but not always accessible to the people who need it. We are grateful for their support of our efforts to share with those in need."

The truck's inaugural spin was to a Harris Teeter that was closing. More than 1,700 pounds of perishable food was donated and turned into nutritious meals provided to unhoused Nashvillians staying in warming shelters during the ice storms. An additional 5,100 pounds of fresh meat leftover after a national meat convention was donated and will be used over the course of 10 months. "These food recovery efforts from generous people throughout Nashville would not be possible at this scale without the new truck," Quinn continued.

"Our company and family are pleased to support Tallu and her organization's extraordinary efforts to help feed people in need," said H.G. Hill Realty Company CEO Jimmy Granbery. "We are especially impressed with their ability to garner fresh produce that would otherwise be wasted and turn it into healthy meals. They play a pivotal role in keeping food waste to a minimum in our community – an enviable mission for which all community's should strive."

The donated truck is a contribution from the H.G. Hill Realty Company. The company's charitable contribution committee approved the donation request in late 2014.

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About The Nashville Food Project

Using fresh produce gleaned from local farms, grown in community gardens, and reclaimed from local supermarkets, The Nashville Food Project volunteers cook up over 4,400 hot meals a month which are distributed throughout the city in food trucks. Their urban gardens are grown for production and community plots are used to train and equip community members to grow their own food. For more information, visit http://www.thenashvillefoodproject.org.

About H.G. Hill Realty Company, LLC

Since 1895, H.G. Hill Realty has built a legacy of service and stewardship in Middle Tennessee. In 1926, following the success of H.G. Hill Food Stores, Mr. H.G. Hill, Sr. incorporated H.G. Hill Realty Company into which he placed most of the property he had acquired over the years. Mr. H.G. Hill, Jr. took the helm of the Hill Companies in 1942 and continued the tradition of acquiring and developing property during his 51 years as President. It was during Mr. Hill, Jr.'s tenure that the concept of neighborhood shopping centers became popular, and H.G. Hill Realty Company began to develop a number of strip centers in Nashville suburbs, each of which was anchored by an H.G. Hill Food Store. In 1999, H.G. Hill Company sold the bulk of its food stores and focused its attention on the development of its vacant and underutilized properties, creating a dramatic increase in overall asset performance. For more information, visit http://www.hghill.com.

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