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**Marco donates \$15,000 to 15 schools nationwide
to help stock their food pantry and alleviate child hunger**

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, Nov. 18, 2021 – Marco Technologies is taking a step toward helping to curb childhood hunger by donating to 15 school food pantries. Marco announced today the results of its recent Give Back 2 School project.

Based on nominations and votes cast by Marco’s social media followers and employees, Marco selected 15 schools across eight states and gave each one \$1,000 for their school food pantry. School food pantry programs help alleviate child hunger by distributing food to children to eat at home after school, on the weekends and during school breaks.

Lori Wollmuth, community relations manager at Feeding Our Communities Partners in Mankato, Minnesota, appreciated Marco’s donation to help feed students. “Your compassionate support will give area children access to nutritious food packs on weekends and bring peace of mind and security in knowing where the next meal will come from. For many local children, your loving generosity is life-changing,” Wollmuth said.

As many as 13 million students go to school hungry each day, according to No Kid Hungry, a nonprofit organization with a primary focus to end childhood hunger. While many students qualify for free and reduced-priced breakfast and lunch programs at their schools, these students go home after school or for the weekend to find scarce food options and even empty cupboards.

“The research is clear that being hungry has an enormous impact on a student’s ability to learn,” said Dawn Zimmerman, Marco’s Chief Marketing Officer. “When kids are hungry, they can have trouble concentrating, fall behind academically, and are more likely suffer from depression and anxiety.”

Marco initiated its Give Back 2 School campaign to further support the communities it serves and help reduce child hunger. Marco asked its social media followers and employees to nominate a school that could benefit from a \$1,000 donation toward a food pantry. Marco received 38 nominations and selected 15.

“We appreciate everyone who took time to nominate a school and vote. We are pleased to support 15 schools and the students they serve in our communities,” Zimmerman said. “Marco has been a long-time partner with schools across the country, and we recognize the key impact schools have in helping students academically and nutritionally by feeding their mind and nourishing their bodies.”

Giving back to the community is a core value at Marco. The company commits dollars every year to support charitable causes across the communities it serves. This is part of Marco’s Gold Standard culture and commitment to do good as a business.

“We are committed to giving back to the communities we serve – in every way we can,” Zimmerman said.

The Give Back 2 School project will provide much-needed nutritional support for students at the following schools across eight states:

Minnesota

- Holdingford School District (Holdingford)
- Feeding Our Communities Partners (Mankato)
- Roosevelt Elementary School (Detroit Lakes)
- Calhoun R-8 School District (Calhoun)
- Pleasantview Elementary School (Sauk Rapids)

Illinois

- St. Mary’s of Metamora (Metamora)

Iowa

- Roosevelt High School (Des Moines)
- Madison Elementary School (Muscatine)

Michigan

- Lapeer Community Schools (Lapeer)

North Dakota

- Meade School District (Sturgis)
- Mandan Public Schools (Mandan)

Pennsylvania

- Washington Heights Elementary (Lemoyne)
- LeFort Elementary School (Carlisle Area School District, Middletown)

South Dakota

- Holgate Middle School (Aberdeen)

Wisconsin

- Unified School District (De Pere)

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