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NINTH YEAR FOR URSULINE COLLEGE FOOD DRIVE SEES CONTINUED EXPANSION ACROSS CHATHAM-KENT

It's the ninth year for the annual Halloween food drive at Ursuline College and staff and students are gearing up for the biggest event yet!

"We continue to look for ways to partner with our elementary schools across Chatham-Kent for this important food drive," says Ray Power, Principal of Ursuline College. "We Scare Hunger continues to grow as together we work to support families in our community who need our help."

Students from various Catholic schools in Chatham-Kent are asking for non-perishable food items instead of candy this Halloween. This act of goodwill for UCC students and their elementary partners, will involve students going door-to-door on Friday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items. All donations will go directly to local food banks in the communities in which they are collected.

"This food drive is a great success every year because of the dedicated students, staff and parents, both at UCC and at our elementary partner schools," says Mr. Power. "I especially want to thank Chris Gutteridge for his work in helping to organize this tremendous event each year, in collaboration with UCC's *Me to We* social justice group."

Media Photo Opportunities:

<u>Friday, October 31st:</u> Donations begin arriving at UCC between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

<u>Monday, November 3rd:</u> Counting cans in the main lobby of Ursuline College from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, November 4th:</u> All canned goods will be loaded up at 11:00 a.m. and shipped to the local food bank courtesy of Victory Ford Lincoln of Chatham, which is supplying four Ford trucks to handle the cargo.