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11th annual Fill the Dome event set for November 20-21

FARGO, N.D. (November 7, 2017) – Themed DeCANstructing Hunger, the 11th annual Fill the Dome food drive will take place on the floor of the Fargodome November 20-21. With the common goal of lessening hunger and raising awareness, local schools, universities and businesses have been collecting nonperishable food items with intentions to fill the floor of the Fargodome to provide food for the Great Plains Food Bank as the holiday season approaches.

On Monday, November 20, over 60 area schools and businesses will bring and unload boxes of nonperishable food items they have collected to the floor of the Fargodome. Community members are encouraged to bring their donations to drop-off locations at Midwest Radio, Beyond Running or directly to the Fargodome on November 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The following morning, November 21, the Fill the Dome planning team invites members of the press and the community for a press conference featuring North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, area leaders, and representatives from Dakota Medical Foundation, Hornbacher's and the Great Plains Food Bank to discuss hunger and highlight volunteerism in North Dakota and Minnesota. Following the press conference, food will be repacked into boxes and brought to the Great Plains Food Bank to distribute in and beyond the Fargo-Moorhead community. The press conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the floor of the Fargodome.

For the past 11 years, a committee of area youth have planned and organized the Fill the Dome event, in which they have raised 2.1 million pounds of food and exceeding \$500,000. In 2016 alone, nearly 200,000 pounds of food were collected.

Fill the Dome gives a special thank you for the generosity of local businesses and especially premiere sponsors Hornbacher's, Midwest Radio, Tharaldson Companies, the Impact Foundation, S&S Promotional Group, Dakota Growers, and the Fargodome.

For more information on the event, visit www.fillthedome.org.