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RE: *Binghamton Philharmonic Celtic Pops Concert to benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Binghamton, NY – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Binghamton Philharmonic. The Binghamton Philharmonic will participate in Orchestras Feeding America, the first national food drive by America’s symphony orchestras. The Binghamton Philharmonic’s musicians, staff members and volunteers will collect non-perishable food items at its Celtic Pops concert on Saturday, March 14, 2009, between 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the lobby of the Forum Theatre, 236 Washington Street in Downtown Binghamton.

Every person who makes a food donation will receive a voucher entitling them to \$10 off their next purchase of tickets from the Binghamton Philharmonic. All food items collected will be donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. “We are grateful for the support of the Binghamton Philharmonic, especially during these difficult economic times. In 2008, the Food Bank distributed over 6.7 million pounds of food across the Southern Tier and the need continues to grow. The food items collected will be greatly appreciated.”, said Gina Santodonato, Food Bank Director of Marketing & Communications.

Food donations will also be collected at:

- The Chamber Series concert by the Claremont Trio
Sunday, March 29, 2009, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm in the lobby of the Anderson Center at Binghamton University
- The Binghamton Philharmonic Office, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm at 31 Front Street in Binghamton

For more information about the types of food items that can be accepted, visit www.binghamtonphilharmonic.org

To learn more about the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and how you can support local hunger-relief efforts, visit the Food Bank’s website at www.foodbankst.org or call 607-796-6061.

About the Food Bank

In operation since 1981, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier distributes food and food-related products to people in need through a network of more than 180 hunger-relief agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit organizations. The Food Bank also has a number of programs that fight hunger including the BackPack Program™ and Mobile Food Pantry. Located in Elmira, NY it is a regional agency of Catholic Charities and one of eight Feeding America affiliate Food Banks in New York State serving the six counties of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins, Tioga and Steuben.

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