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Charleston Luxury Hotel Raises Food for Local Pantry

CHARLESTON, SC, September, 2008 – The Mills House Hotel, an historic Charleston hotel and part of the city's Museum Mile, recently raised over 500 pounds of food in a weeklong charity drive for the Low Country Food Bank. The Bank charity was selected on the advice and support of a number of hotel associates at a previous hotel public service event.

Founded in 1983, the Low Country Food Bank is dedicated to feeding the poor and hungry of the ten coastal communities of South Carolina through intermediary nonprofit agencies. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, about 17% of the coastal South Carolina population fits the target market of the Low Country Food Bank. Along with donations, the Bank's primary source of food comes through partnerships with local food manufacturers, food distributors, supermarkets, wholesalers, and farmers. Under the Bank's guidance, these partners are encouraged to repurpose potential food waste items into donations to one of 416 member agencies providing hunger-relief services.

Unlike the intermediary agencies, the Low Country Food Bank does not provide food directly to members of the community, reserving its efforts towards the organization of smaller banks and services. In addition to food items, the Low Country Food Bank provides educational resources including nutritional information, seminars on proper food handling procedures, and maintenance practices for extending the life of meat, produce, and other foods. The Bank also provides basic toiletries.

The Low Country Food Bank is a member of Feeding America™, formerly named America's Second Harvest. As the nation's largest hunger-relief organization, Feeding America™ assembles a network of over 200 large projects like the Low Country Food Bank, distributing more than 2 billion pounds of food and grocery annually to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Over 70,000 hunger-relief agencies fall under the umbrella of Feeding America™.

Back at the hotel, management and staff were delighted to reach their 500 pound food goal, and the staff was additionally excited to reap their additional reward. As an incentive to go the extra mile for the food drive, the Charleston hotel's General Manager, John Edwards, promised to dive into the pool wearing his full business suit if the goal was met. Mr. Edwards went through with his promise to uproarious applause.

For more information about Mills House, visit their site at <http://www.millshouse.com/>.

About The Mills House Hotel:

Immerse yourself in the lush beauty and unrivaled service of one of the most beloved [historic Charleston hotels](#), The Mills House Hotel. For over 150 years, the Mills House has set the standard in [Charleston, South Carolina hotels](#), and a multi-million dollar renovation has recaptured the splendor of a bygone era while providing guests with every modern convenience. The walls of this Charleston hotel are rich with beautifully-maintained antiques, and the soothing accommodations are second to none. A Conde Nast Traveler Gold List hotel. Take advantage of exclusive [Charleston hotel deals](#).

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