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## Pepper Construction provides 255,000 meals to hungry neighbors in Central Ohio

**COLUMBUS, OH – December 20, 2019** The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Pepper Construction holiday food drive held November 1-December 6, collected enough food to provide nearly 255,000 meals to those in need in Central Ohio. This year's food drive marks the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the combined efforts of Pepper Construction and our industry partners have resulted in the collection of more than 593,000 meals donated to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. That is enough meals to feed over 40 people for each of those 13-years!

"We are humbled to impact the lives of families in our communities in such a tangible way by helping thousands of Central Ohioans who face hunger each day," said President Paul Francois.

In an inspiring display of generosity, this year Planes Commercial Services partnered with Pepper Construction and provided donation boxes and transportation to participating locations and partners. Additionally, Pepper volunteered for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank at NBC-4 during Double Donation Day – when matching funds inspire more donors to give.

"I've led this campaign over the past four years, and our team and industry partners' selfless acts of kindness exemplify to me what the holiday season is all about." said Project Manager Tanner Nelson. "Giving back to the communities is part of who we are. It brings us great joy."

Pepper Construction has organized food drives since 2006. This spirit of giving began after two Pepper employees heard on the radio there was a food shortage at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. With limited resources and a small list of industry partners, the Dublin team placed boxes on each floor of their office building. That year, over 3,600 meals were donated to the foodbank. Since then, the food drive has grown abundantly each year, getting us one step closer to helping end hunger in our community.

## **About Pepper Construction**

Now in their fourth generation of family leadership, Pepper Construction Group serves clients across the country with comprehensive teams in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin working in markets such as healthcare, manufacturing and light industrial, hospitality, workplace and education among others. Pepper, one of the Midwest's largest contractors, leads the industry in virtual technologies as well as lean and high-performance construction. Among the firm's current projects are Highland District Hospital's Building Expansion Project in Hillsboro, OH; the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden Master Plan in Cincinnati, OH; and Leading Edje in Dublin, OH.