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**EMPIRE CITY/YONKERS RACEWAY, LEADING DRIVERS AND SOA OF NEW YORK
TO ASSIST FOOD BANK FOR WESTCHESTER**

April 15, 2013 - An eager contingent of volunteers from Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, its driving colony, and the Standardbred Owners of New York are once again lending a hand to assist the Food Bank for Westchester.

Dozens of participants, including leading drivers Jason Bartlett, Brent Holland, Mark MacDonald and Jordan Stratton, are among those lined up and ready to weigh, sort and pack Tuesday (Apr. 16) afternoon at Food Bank's warehouse in Elmsford, located about 20 minutes north of Yonkers. The event, which includes a tour of the huge operation, is scheduled from 1-3 PM.

The fruits of all this labor are eventually seen countywide, as the Food Bank continues to reach out to the neediest in its area.

"We're only too happy to help such a worthwhile cause," Empire City Casino Vice President and COO Bob Galterio said. "Having our employees and best-known drivers volunteer their time makes it that much better."

"We're pleased to again be able to help the Food Bank for Westchester," Joe Faraldo, president of the SOA of New York said. "We appreciate the efforts of our leading drivers, the SOA staff and Yonkers Raceway management and employees. We continue our efforts to address the most basic of human needs, to be free of hunger."

The Raceway and its horsemen have also pledged to make a donation to the Food Bank.

"Anything we can do to help, it's our pleasure," Bartlett said.

The Food Bank for Westchester, one of eight food banks in New York State, is the backbone of the county's emergency food network. It acquires warehouses and distributes more than seven million pounds of food annually to over 220 frontline hunger-relief organizations. Those organizations include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, day care and residential programs. In early 2012, the Food Bank moved to a larger warehouse (200 Clearbrook Road in Elmsford), getting more food out to the estimated 200,000 people in Westchester who are hungry or at risk of hunger. The Food Bank's mission is to lead, engage and educate county residents in creating a hunger-free environment.

For more information, contact the Food Bank (914-923-1100), or visit them on-line (www.foodbankforwestchester.org).

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps, and baccarat tables. Italian cuisine is featured in Nonno's Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing; a quick bite is available at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto www.empirecitycasino.com.

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