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**Dining with dignity gets a second location:
Trinity Cafe 2 to begin serving guests with dignity on Monday**

Volunteers, donors and Trinity Cafe staff will come together for the opening of Trinity Cafe 2 to serve meals to guests for the first time on **Monday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the First Church of God, 2202 E Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612.

Approximately 2,000 people are homeless in Tampa, and more than 200,000 people struggle with hunger and food insecurity, 1 in 4 are children. To meet the need, Trinity Cafe will leverage its existing kitchen to prepare meals and transport them to the second location, which is located in an area that is missing more than 3 million meals according to the Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger.

"We cannot solve hunger alone. It takes a community working together to make this happen. That's why today is such a beautiful example of partnerships! Generous donors and grants from the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders award and Hillsborough County have enabled us to double our impact on hunger with this expansion. We have partnered with the First Church of God and transformed the memorial hall of this local church into a fine dining experience for North Tampa's hungry and homeless population," said Executive Director Mandy Cloninger.

"We believe in the power of connections and we love that Trinity Cafe's model not only connects people with a meal, but also with resources and support to help them get back on their feet," said Bill Goede, Tampa Bay president, Bank of America. "Each person who comes to Trinity Cafe gets so much more than food."

By doubling the number of meals served this year, Trinity Cafe will help more guests like Christina and her children, Ariana and Tut. On the weekend, they take the bus to Trinity Cafe. Ariana understands people are hungry and homeless. She wants to help them. In an essay for school she wrote about how she likes to help the homeless by making them laugh. She wants to volunteer at Trinity when she's 16.

Opening week will have daily interview, photo, and video opportunities with volunteers, guests and staff including:

- Monday, April 25th: Trinity Cafe 2's first day serving guests
- Thursday, April 28th: Bank of America volunteers serving guests

HUMANITY BEGINS WITH A MEAL

About Trinity Cafe

www.trinitycafe.org

Trinity Cafe, a 501 (c) (3) non-denominational charity, has been a lifeline for the hungry and homeless in Tampa Bay since 2001, serving more than 1.1 million restaurant quality meals with dignity. Trinity Cafe prepares and serves close to 300 meals each day, 52 weeks a year, and will double its impact on hunger in 2016 by opening a second location. Trinity Cafe's mission is to restore a sense of dignity to the hungry and homeless while serving a nutritious meal. We faithfully treat all of God's children with acceptance, compassion, love and respect.