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**CHEP partnership with THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF FOOD BANKS** **Helps Alleviate Hunger and Reduce Food Waste**

2016-2017 results announced with great achievements completed across countries

Madrid, 30 January, 2018 – CHEP, the supply chain solutions company, and FEBA (European Federation of Food Banks) have worked together since 2016 to help alleviate hunger and reduce poverty, malnutrition and food waste across Europe. Through a three-year partnership, CHEP provides supply chain knowledge, in-kind contributions, volunteers and donations to help finance FEBA’s operations.

Food banks use CHEP pallets and consider them vital to their operations and the efficient distribution of their donations. In the past year, European food banks have received more than 94,000 blue pallets with food donations and hundreds of CHEP employees have done their part by volunteering thousands of hours over the past two years.

**In 2017. CHEP and FEBA implemented a series of collaboration projects across Europe.**

* In **Ireland,** CHEP facilitated discussions between its customers and FEBA to increase food donations to Cross Care, Ireland's food bank organisation. As a result, nine manufacturers and a retailer began making donations to food banks
* The project in **Italy** used CHEP´s supply chain expertise and transport management to help Banco Alimentare, the Italian food bank organisation, optimise and reduce its transport costs. This initiative has already saved Banco Alimentare over €26,000 on transport; equivalent to over 370,000 meals
* The CHEP **UK** teamdesigned a project to integrate the Brambles Health & Safety programme (Zero Harm) into FarShare, an organisation in the UK that rescues good food for frontline charities. By performing audits and external assessments, CHEP helped FareShare operate a safe environment for its volunteers and employees

CHEP Sustainability Director in EMEA, Iñigo Canalejo, said: “Collaborating with FEBA over these two years in the fight against hunger and food waste has been an honour for us. Our business model focusses on eliminating waste in the supply chain, especially when it comes to food. Helping local food banks with our supply chain expertise not only serves FEBA members but also inspires our employees.”

Patrick Alix, Secretary General, FEBA, said: “By supporting FEBA, CHEP is taking action to alleviate hunger by reducing food waste across Europe. FEBA has been able to lift obstacles for food donations at the EU-level by participating in the drafting and adoption of EU food donation guidelines in partnership with FoodDrinkEurope and EuroCommerce as well as with HOTREC. These guidelines enable more and safe redistribution of surplus food to vulnerable groups in order for them to enjoy their right to nutritious food."

“The way CHEP has mobilised its leadership teams to engage with food banks in various European countries through these projects is simply outstanding. We are very grateful to CHEP for its trust in our network and for the professionalism and enthusiasm of its employees as demonstrated through the quick launch and implementation of the projects.”

**About the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA)**

Founded in 1986, the European Federation of Food Banks brings 326 European food banks together in the daily fight against hunger and food waste. In 2016, European food banks distributed 535,000 tonnes of food, which is the equivalent to 2,9 million meals every day, to a total of 6.1 million people in collaboration with 37,000 charitable organisations and social services. FEBA's volunteers collect food that would otherwise be thrown away, and distribute it amongst charitable bodies who work to support the most vulnerable and needy.

**About CHEP**

CHEP is a global provider of supply chain solutions serving the consumer goods, fresh food, beverage, manufacturing and retail sectors in more than 60 countries. CHEP offers a wide range of logistics and operational platforms and support services that are designed to increase performance and lower risk while improving environmental sustainability. CHEP’s 12,500 employees and approximately 300 million pallets and containers deliver comprehensive coverage and exceptional value, supporting more than 500,000 customer touch-points for global brands such as Procter & Gamble, Sysco and Nestlé. CHEP is part of the Brambles Group, the owner of a portfolio that includes IFCO, the leading provider of Reusable Plastic Containers (RPC) to the fresh food supply chain globally. In addition, CHEP provides a valuable service to the automotive sector as a logistical specialist in containers.

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