

# PRESS RELEASE

## **Sodexo Canada Celebrates Donating its One Millionth Meal**

### ***Feeding Our Future program helps feed underprivileged children across Canada***

Burlington, Ontario, August 20, 2013 –Sodexo Canada is pleased to announce it made its 1-millionth lunch for underprivileged children today at Trinity College in Toronto as part of its national Feeding Our Future program. Started 13 years ago, the summer lunch program partners with community hunger relief organizations across Canada to provide free summer lunches to children in need.

*“Our Foundation identified a need for kids’ lunches during the summer time and a hardworking team of Sodexo employees, volunteers and business partners have developed a program that is making a difference,” says Dean Johnson, President of Sodexo Canada. “Feeding Our Future is all about giving back to the communities where our employees live and work and I’d like to thank everyone who has helped us achieve this tremendous milestone.”*

Sodexo Canada recognizes that about one million Canadian children do not have daily access to a nutritious lunch. And while there are many lunch programs during the school year that help to alleviate this problem there are fewer options in the summer. As soon as school ends, an already dire situation gets much worse. Children, who are over-represented among food bank recipients in Canada (more than one-third of all food bank recipients are children) become more vulnerable on that warm day at the end of June when their school closes.

Feeding Our Future is a simple, but vastly effective program that was launched in Toronto by the Sodexo Foundation with support from a client kitchen and Second Harvest. It has since grown coast-to-coast to a total of nine cities (including Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Regina, Oakville, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax). Feeding Our Future is one of Sodexo's several Stop Hunger Initiatives that get at the root causes of hunger in Canada as part of the company's commitment to the communities where it does business.

To learn more about the fight against hunger visit: [www.stophungertoday.com](http://www.stophungertoday.com)

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## About Sodexo

### The Sodexo Foundation

The Sodexo foundation, an independent charitable organization, sponsors and supports hunger-related initiatives, targeting the root causes of hunger in Canada and the US. An estimated 5.5 million people, many of whom are children, are at risk of hunger in Canada. The Sodexo Foundation has provided more than 900,000 meals to at-risk youth through its Feeding Our Future program and works closely with Food Banks Canada to raise awareness and fight hunger across the country. All costs associated with administering the Foundation are born by Sodexo and all monies raised goes directly to helping those in need.

### Sodexo in Canada

Sodexo has been delivering On-Site Services in Canada for over 40 years. Recognized as a strategic partner, Sodexo Canada has consolidated its position by providing a range of Quality of Life Services for clients, their employees and visitors in the corporate, education, healthcare and remote sites segments. Delivering more than 850 different food and facilities management solutions across 750+ sites, Sodexo is a market leader in Canada in terms of revenue and consumers served and has been recognized as a top employer for the past three consecutive years. Sodexo Canada is proud to have created the Sodexo Foundation, an independent charitable organization that has donated a million meals to at risk youth in Canada since it was founded in 2000. Follow us on Twitter @SodexoCanada

### Sodexo Group

Founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 45 years of experience: from reception, safety, maintenance and cleaning, to foodservices and facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 420,000 employees throughout the world.

### Key Figures (as of August 31, 2012)

#### Sodexo in the World

**18.2 billion** euro consolidated revenue  
**420,000** employees  
**20th** largest employer worldwide  
**80** countries  
**34,300** sites  
**75 million** consumers served daily  
**9.5 billion** euro market capitalization (as of November 7 2012)

#### Sodexo in Canada

**10,000** employees  
**1 million** consumers served daily  
**230+** clients  
**750+** sites  
**850+** service solutions

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