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**L.O.V.E.'S KITCHEN REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MISSISSIPPI
FOOD NETWORK FACILITIES IN JACKSON**

[Jackson, MS – August 26, 2008]— Representatives from L.O.V.E.'S (Lauderdale Outreach Volunteer Effort, Inc.) Kitchen recently toured the Mississippi Food Network facility in Jackson. Mississippi Food Network is the food bank for the state of Mississippi and supplies food to L.O.V.E.'S Kitchen at a subsidized rate, as one of their member agencies serving people in the Lauderdale County area. L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen recently joined the food network in an effort to reduce the escalating costs of serving free meals to those in need.

The Mississippi Food Network has a mission to relieve poverty-related hunger in their service area by distributing donated and purchased food and grocery products through a network of member churches and non-profit organizations. The Network distributes more than one million pounds of food each month through 320 member agencies around the State. More than 90,000 people each month benefit from the services of the Mississippi Food Network and their member agencies that operate soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, senior citizen programs, day care centers, youth programs and more. To find out more about Mississippi Food Network visit www.msfoodnet.org.

According to L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen Board Member Skip Scaggs, "Our partnership with the Mississippi Food Network not only reduces the cost of meals but allows us to be better stewards of the many contributions that help keep our doors open." Currently L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen on 18th Ave. serves 450 meals a day, six days a week and has been able to provide each meal at a cost around \$1.52 each.

Due to rising transportation costs and the decline in contributions the Kitchen will, beginning September 1, cut back its operation from 3 meals a day to 2, breakfast and lunch. “While it is unfortunate, there are financial realities with which the Board is faced. There is no doubt we have had our problems but we are moving forward and will continue to provide nutritious meals to the homeless and working poor of our community.”

Founded in 1983 by the late Judge Billy Neville as an outreach program of his church L.O.V.E.’s Kitchen is supported by churches, synagogues, individuals and corporations as well as the United Way of East Mississippi. To learn more about volunteering or making contributions to LOVE’s Kitchen contact Al Brown at 601-934-5978.

Pictured below are: Walker Satterwhite, Executive Director of Mississippi Food Network; Al Brown, Director of Public Relations and Fundraising of L.O.V.E.’S Kitchen; Skip Scaggs, a member of the L.O.V.E.’S Kitchen Board of Directors; and Marilyn Blackledge, Director of Development for Mississippi Food Network.

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