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EAT SMART® Donates 28,000 Salads to Victims of Hurricane Irma

GUADALUPE, Calif., Sept. 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Apio, Inc., a leading provider of Eat Smart® branded packaged, fresh vegetables to retail and club stores throughout North America, has donated 28,000 Eat Smart salads, or approximately 114,000 salad servings, to victims of Hurricane Irma. Eat Smart is partnering with the SOS Foundation and the South Florida Red Cross to distribute these salads to those in need. The delivery from the Apio™ facility in Bowling Green, Ohio is due to arrive in Homestead, Florida on Monday, September 25th.

Regions of Florida and the Caribbean were hard hit by Hurricane Irma, which reached land Sunday, September 10 as a Category 4 hurricane with winds up to 130 miles per hour. Irma deposited record amounts of rainfall, causing loss of life, massive flooding and infrastructure damage.

"The hearts and minds of all of our employees are with those affected by this disaster," said Molly Hemmeter, President and CEO of Landec, Apio's parent company. "Apio operates a facility in Vero Beach, Florida. Our facility was shut down temporarily during the power outage, but we are once again operational. Most importantly, we are grateful that our employees and their families were unharmed. We want to thank the SOS Foundation and the South Florida Red Cross for partnering with us to distribute fresh vegetable salads to those in need during this difficult time."

Hurricane Irma began on August 30, and reached wind speeds of 185 miles per hour. Damage of over \$62 billion is estimated and over 16 million people were without power. In the span of two weeks, two Category 4 hurricanes — Harvey and Irma — struck the continental United States, the first time this has happened in one hurricane season. Several weeks ago, Eat Smart partnered with the Houston Food Bank to donate 24,000 salads to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

For more information on Eat Smart, visit www.eatsmart.net.

About Apio, Inc.

Apio™ is an innovative leader in processing and marketing fresh-cut specialty vegetables under the Eat Smart® brand, including multi-serve and single serve salads and party tray products. The company is headquartered in Guadalupe, California. Eat Smart strives to make it easy and delicious for people to eat healthy and Eat Smart products can be found in the refrigerated produce sections of local grocery stores and club stores within the U.S. and Canada. Landec Corporation (NASDAQ:LNDL), leading innovator of diversified health and wellness solutions within the packaged food and biomaterial markets based in Menlo Park, California, acquired Apio, Inc. and the Eat Smart brand in 1999. Visit www.eatsmart.net for more information.

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