AARP Foundation Congratulates Jeff Gordon, Rick Hendrick on Their Win in Dover

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DOVER, DE – AARP Foundation President Lisa Marsh Ryerson issued the following statement after Sunday's win at the Dover International Speedway by Jeff Gordon, four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion and driver of the No. 24 Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet SS, and Hendrick Motorsports owner Rick Hendrick.

"Jeff is having an extraordinarily exciting season! Sunday's win was just the latest victory Jeff has delivered – on and off the track in the fight against older adult hunger," said Ryerson. "Congratulations to Jeff, Rick and the entire No. 24 Chevrolet team on Sunday's win.

"By any measure, both Rick Hendrick and Jeff Gordon's achievements in NASCAR are impressive, but here are other numbers that help fill out their accomplishments: since AARP and AARP Foundation launched Drive to End Hunger in 2011, Rick and Jeff's efforts have helped provide over 30 million meals to help the nearly 9 million older Americans who face the threat of hunger every day.

"These two champions continue to build on their legacies, both on and off the track. Even with so many accomplishments behind them, Rick and Jeff clearly aren't slowing down, and we're proud to be driving with them in an effort to leave hunger in the dust."

Gordon captured his 92nd career Cup victory in Dover. He won the third race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for an automatic spot in the 12-driver field that advanced to the next round. Making the win especially exiting, was the eye-catching orange paint scheme with an orange ribbon. For the second year, Gordon drove a specially designed No. 24 Drive to End Hunger Chevrolet SS at three races in September for Feeding America's Hunger Action Month.

For more information or to get involved, please visit www.DriveToEndHunger.org or follow @Drive2EndHunger.

About AARP Foundation:

AARP Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50+ by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation. By coordinating responses to these issues on all four fronts at once, and supporting them with vigorous legal advocacy, the Foundation serves the unique needs of those 50+ while working with local organizations nationwide to reach more people, strengthen communities, work more efficiently and make resources go further. AARP Foundation is AARP's affiliated charity. Learn more at www.aarpfoundation.org

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