



Together We CAN End Hunger

# News Release

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## **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Awarded Neighborhood Grant from The Starbucks Foundation**

*This Grant Recognizes Community Impact the Organization Has in Ending Hunger*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (July 25, 2025)** – As part of The Starbucks Foundation’s Neighborhood Grants program, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina was selected to receive a \$3,000 grant. This grant award is thanks to a nomination(s) from a local Starbucks partner (employee) who recognized the work of the organization in the Metrolina region (24 counties) that the food bank serves.

Through this unique partner-led community giving program, The Starbucks Foundation invites Starbucks partners and alumni to nominate a local organization in their community. Since 2019, more than 16,000 grants have been awarded to local organizations, amounting to more than \$25 million. This year, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina was selected from among 56,000 nominations submitted by Starbucks partners.

“We are so grateful for this grant that Starbucks has awarded the food bank. Since 2014, their partners and The Starbucks Foundation have helped us in our goal to end hunger through foundation grants for the purchase of warehouse equipment and general operations,” notes Kay Carter, CEO at the Food Bank. “We value our partnership and the work that we can all accomplish together to feed our neighbors in need.”

“Starbucks has always been the community coffeehouse – a place where our partners (employees) build real connections. Through this latest round of Neighborhood Grants, they’ve nominated local organizations making meaningful impact, from addressing hunger to supporting youth,” said Kelly Goodejohn, Executive Director of The Starbucks Foundation. “We’re proud to support these efforts and the role our partners play in strengthening their communities.”

Learn more about the Neighborhood Grants program at [About Starbucks](#).

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**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina:** As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - serves 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY 2023-2024, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed almost 90 million pounds of food and household items, which included over 54 million pounds in fresh produce, meat, and dairy, to over 950 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low- income daycares. Follow the Food Bank on: [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Linkedin](#), and [YouTube](#).

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