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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**The Independence Fund and Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to Provide Veterans with No-contact Care Package Drive-thru at Local VA Clinic
Thursday Before Memorial Day**

WHAT: *Beginning in May 2020, The Independence Fund has been honored to serve at-risk Veterans and their families in the Charlotte area by providing no-contact food and supply delivery with the assistance of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Alongside dedicated volunteers and supporters, The Independence Fund is able to help as many families as possible by bringing this national program back to the Charlotte area for their Feeding Independence series. This month's event will be held the Thursday before Memorial Day, May 27th. Cleaning supplies and food will be packaged as part of The Independence Fund's Independence@Home program.*

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Independence Fund launched Independence@Home, a program to directly support its Veterans, Caregivers and families with a range of emergent COVID-19 costs, including food and cleaning supplies. This effort to provide care packages to Veterans is one of several similar collaborative events happening across the country. The Independence Fund recognizes the urgent needs emerging in Veteran homes and continues to evolve their efforts to provide financial assistance, supplies, and critical aid.

WHEN: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

WHERE: Charlotte VA HCC
3506 W. Tyvola Rd.,
Charlotte, NC 28208

MORE INFO: Interview availability for host partners, staff and volunteers. Volunteers will be preparing care packages for Veteran delivery throughout the designated time frames. Media can contact a.skinner@independencefund.org for specific inquiries.

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE FUND:

Established in 2007, The Independence Fund is a national Veterans Service Organization dedicated to meeting the unmet needs of catastrophically wounded Veterans, Caregivers, and their families through a variety of programs. To learn more, visit www.independencefund.org.

ABOUT SECOND HARVEST:

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2019-2020, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 70 million pounds of food and household items to over 800 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares. Follow the Food Bank on: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#)