

Together We **CAN** End Hunger

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## **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Raises Funds with Match From the Community Foundation Run**

*Gaston Community Foundation Run to be held on April 13, 2019 in Downtown Gastonia*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (February 28, 2019)** – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHFBM) is pleased to announce our participation in the Community Foundation Run 2019. All funds received from this grant will be used to serve our agencies in Gaston County.

“Over 527,000 people struggle with food insecurity in our 19 county service region, including over 188,000 children and 41,000 seniors who turn to the 700+ agencies that partner with us. The Community Foundation of Gaston County’s donation will go a long way for those in need.” notes Kay Carter, CEO of SHFBM. “In Gaston County alone, there are 32,694 individuals living at or below the poverty level – this includes 3,394 individuals 65 years and older and 10,600 children.”

By donating to SHFBM through the Community Foundation Run, the Food Bank will receive a matching contribution from the Community Foundation. All donations made to the Foundation on behalf of SHFBM between February 1 and April 22 will be matched.

The Community Foundation Run is an annual event to be held on April 13, 2019 at the Rotary Pavilion in downtown Gastonia. All community members and visitors are invited to attend the event and participate in the 5k Run or 2k Walk. There will also be over 40 booths with information about local nonprofits and sponsors. The Run begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning with a band, a cornhole contest, and Truck Fest to include ambulances/firetrucks/etc. for children of all ages to enjoy. The Community Foundation Run is about bringing our community together.

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**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2017-2018, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 54 million pounds of food and household items to over 700 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

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**About the Gaston Community Foundation**

The Gaston Community Foundation is the leading steward of philanthropic giving by connecting donors with community needs to enhance the lives of present and future generations. The nonprofit organization has invested more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships over its 41-year history. At its core, the Community Foundation is an organization created with gifts from generous people committed to local causes. For donors, the Foundation serves as a philanthropic advisor. For the community, the Foundation serves as a grant maker and a civic leader. Through the support of its donors and fundholders, the Foundation has been able to address some of the community's most pressing needs, including hunger, housing and education. For more information, visit [Cfgaston.org](http://Cfgaston.org).