



Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina receives truckload donation from Merchants Distributors



MDI employee volunteers and members of Second Harvest Food Bank come together for truckload donation packing event

HICKORY, NC – On Friday, September 23, over 100 volunteers at Merchants Distributors (MDI) in Hickory, NC joined with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to pack 2,200 protein-packed food boxes. Boxes will be distributed throughout the local community via the Second Harvest branch located in Hickory. The Hickory branch is the longest-running branch for the organization and serves Catawba, Burke, and Lincoln counties.

Employee volunteers packed nearly 30,000 pounds of product and celebrated the partnership between MDI and Second Harvest. “We’ve been feeding people and partnering for over 30 years together” said MDI President, Michele Azar.

“Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is grateful for partners like MDI who help us feed the over 500,000 individuals in our 24 counties who are at risk of hunger every single day. This donation was greatly appreciated and will be used to feed those in need in Hickory and the immediate surrounding areas” said Kay Carter, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina CEO.



MDI volunteers pack boxes to be distributed via local Second Harvest branch. The non-perishable protein boxes included a variety of beans, chicken and rice

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 2021-2022, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 82 million pounds of food and household items to over 950 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares. Follow the Food Bank on: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

About Merchants Distributors LLC

Founded in 1931, Merchants Distributors (MDI) is a privately-owned wholesale grocery store distributor headquartered in Hickory, NC. MDI supplies over 600 retail food stores with food and non-food items in NC, SC, GA, TN, VA, AL, WV, OH, FL, PA, MD and KY. MDI also exports to over 30 countries. Merchants Distributors, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alex Lee, Inc. The company has a strong customer focus and offers a variety of services to help their customers succeed. To learn more, please visit mdi.com.