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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Receives \$175,000 Donation from Publix Super Markets Charities for the Purchase of a Mobile Food Pantry

Publix Will Also Donate 500,000 Pounds of Fresh Produce

Charlotte, NC, November 15, 2022 – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina today announced it received a \$175,000 donation from Publix Super Markets Charities to purchase and equip a mobile food pantry truck. Publix will also donate 500,000 pounds of fresh produce during the first year to stock the truck. Second Harvest serves the over 489,000 people facing food insecurity, including 159,000 children and 52,000 seniors in a 24-county service region.

The \$175,000 donation from Publix Charities to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is one of several donations made in 2022. “Since 2005 Publix Super Markets and Publix Super Market Charities have partnered with us to end hunger by providing both fresh produce and grants,” notes Kay Carter, CEO of the Food Bank. “For the children, seniors, families, and veterans struggling with food insecurity, we simply cannot thank Publix enough for this donation and our continued partnership.” This gift brings the total donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina from Publix Charities to over 3,748,162 pounds of produce and 1.4 million dollars in grants.

“So many of our neighbors struggle with accessing nutritious food, but with this donation to purchase a mobile food pantry and donating fresh produce, we hope to change that,” said Publix CEO Todd Jones. “We are proud to continue our commitment of providing hope through nourishment for people in our communities.”

The donation from Publix Charities to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is one of 22 donations made this year to help food banks. With this \$3.85 million gift, Publix Charities has donated \$9.5 million to Feeding America member food banks and other nonprofit partners in 2022.

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About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHMETROLINA) serves 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2021-2022, SHMETROLINA distributed over 75 million pounds of food (including over 41 million pounds of fresh produce, meat, and dairy) and household items to over 950 non-profit agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters, low-income daycares, veteran assistance organizations, and animal rescues. Follow the Food Bank on: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

About Publix Super Markets Charities

George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets and affectionately known as “Mr. George,” believed in giving. From the day he opened his first Publix, he made sure his associates, customers and community were taken care of. In 1966, Mr. George established the Foundation with the vision it would continue giving long after he was gone. Publix Super Markets Charities remains committed to serving the communities in which Publix operates. To learn more, visit www.publixcharities.org.

About Publix Super Markets

Publix, the largest employee-owned company in the U.S. with more than 240,000 associates, currently operates 1,312 stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. For 25 consecutive years, the company has been recognized by *Fortune* as a great place to work. In addition, Publix’s dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized among the top in the grocery business. For more information, visit the company’s newsroom at corporate.publix.com/newsroom.

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