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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Announces 2019 Partner Appreciation Award Recipients

David Tepper Foundation, Rick Hendrick, Ed Brown Among Those Recognized for Their Efforts to Help End Hunger

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – May 14, 2019 – Last week, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina honored 36 award recipients who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to help feed more children, families, seniors, veterans, and pets in the Food Bank’s 19 county service region. Each year the food bank takes time to recognize individuals, corporations, foundations and others that are hunger advocates in our community.

“Each year we acknowledge partners in every category of food bank operations. They are “heroes” to the hundreds of thousands who are hungry in the communities that we serve. We have tried to select those individuals, businesses, and agencies that best exemplified “partner of the year” during the 2018 calendar year.” Over 150 people gathered yesterday at Myers Park Methodist Church to be recognized for their work to feed those in need. Those honored by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina included:

2018 Community Partner Award – David Tepper Charitable Foundation

2018 Faith Based Partner Award – Elevation Church

2018 Group Volunteer Partner Award – School Nutrition Services – Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

2018 Group Volunteer Partner Award – Bank of America; Wells Fargo

2018 Individual Volunteer Partner Awards – Michael Norris and Tom & Val McKernan

2018 Youth Partner Awards:

- Girl Scouts – Hornet’s Nest Council (Super Girl Food Drive)
- Student Hunger Drive Participants: Providence High School, Ardrey Kell High School, Cabarrus Early College of Technology, Cannon School, Myers Park High School, East Mecklenburg High School, Cox Mill High School, Hickory Ridge High School and North Mecklenburg High School

2018 New Partner Awards: Boingo Graphics, Dean Foods, and Williams Subaru

2018 Special Event Partner Award: Taste of Bonterra (Bonterra Restaurant, Chef Blake Hartwick, and Ron & Stephanie Rivera)

2018 Special Event Partner Award: NBA All-Star Week (The NBA and the Charlotte Hornets)

2018 Group Financial Partner Awards: Publix, Merancas Foundation, Springsteen Foundation

2018 Agency Partner Award: Backpack Ministry of Indian Trail

2018 Food Partner Awards: Tyson Foods and Simpson’s Eggs

2018 Lifetime Achievement Awards: Hendrick Automotive Group and Walmart

2018 Ted Heyward “Compassion in Action” Award: Rick Hendrick and Ed Brown (Hendrick Automotive Group)

2018 Frank Timberlake “Innovation in Action” Award: Kate Mora (Walmart)

To view photos of award winners – [click here](#). For more information on Partner Appreciation 2019, please contact Donna Ragan, Marketing & Communications Manager at dragan@secondharvest.org or 704.408.4527.

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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 almost 55 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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