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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Announces 2022 Partner Appreciation Award Recipients

Food Lion Feeds, Hendrick Automotive, and The Springs Close Foundation Among Those Recognized for Their Efforts to Help End Hunger

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – May 16, 2022 – On May 11th, for the first time in two years, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina honored 29 award recipients in person who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to help feed more children, families, seniors, veterans, and pets in the Food Bank’s 24 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 operation. 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 2021 calendar year,” said CEO Kay Carter. Over 200 people gathered at CPCC’s Harris Conference Center to be recognized for their work to feed those in need. Those honored by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina included:

2022 Community Partner Awards: Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina’s 40th Birthday Celebration: Food Lion Feeds, Harris Teeter, Hendrick Automotive Group, Publix, The Springs Close Foundation, Truist, Walmart, and Wells Fargo

2022 Food Partner Awards: Perdue Farms, PET Dairy, Smithfield, Tyson Foods, Inc. and US Foods

2022 Special Event Partner Award: Food Lion Feeds

2022 Financial Partner Awards: Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company and Hendrick Automotive Group

2021 Group Volunteer Partner Awards: Carowinds and UNC Charlotte

2021 New Partner Awards: Arby's, Lincoln Financial Group, Mazda of South Charlotte, Cole Custer-NASCAR Driver, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing

2021 Agency Partner Awards: 5 Point Church (Pickens County), Food for Families (Union County, NC), and The Outreach Center (Burke County)

2021 Lifetime Achievement Award: The Merancas Foundation, Inc.

Ted Heyward Award: Meg Ham, CEO of Food Lion

2021 Frank Timberlake Award: Bank of America

2021 Anne Springs Close Legacy Award: Bev Carroll

To view photos of award winners— [click here](#). For more information on the Food Bank's Partner Appreciation Awards please contact Donna Ragan 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 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2020-2021, 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](#); [YouTube](#).