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PRESS RELEASE

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina receives \$15,000 donation

POWER Engineers turns canceled events into giving back

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Jan. 5, 2022)—Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina will receive a \$15,000 donation this month from local consulting firm POWER Engineers, Incorporated (POWER).

“We are truly grateful to our friends at POWER Engineers for helping us provide much needed meals to our 24-county region of North and South Carolina. Their generosity will feed thousands of hungry children, seniors, families and veterans,” said Kay Carter, the Food Bank’s CEO.

POWER, an engineering, environmental and technology consulting firm, plans to donate about \$500,000 to foodbanks across the U.S. and Canada, each in one of the more than 55 communities where POWER employees live and work.

Typically, POWER holds large company gatherings each winter to celebrate the anniversary of how the company’s first employees, their families and the local community pulled together to help restart the firm after a disastrous office fire in 1977. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the parties were canceled this year, and POWER leadership determined that the best use of that budget would be to give back.

“Since we won’t be sitting down together for a meal, we’re going to give meals to others,” said Jim Haynes, POWER’s president and CEO. “It’s a silver lining, being able to turn a disappointment into something good for our communities.”

This is the company’s largest philanthropic effort to date, though it’s far from the only one—the firm regularly donates thousands of dollars a year to STEAM education through its foundation. POWER also donated more than \$150,000 in 2020 to 45 local schools to meet pandemic-related needs such as remote learning equipment and mental health support for students. Carter said the funds would go toward the fresh produce and dairy products.

About POWER Engineers: POWER Engineers is an engineering and environmental consulting firm specializing in integrated solutions for clients in the power delivery, power generation, food & beverage, government, renewables and storage, campus energy, and oil and gas industries. Founded in 1976, it is an employee-owned company with 45 offices and more than 3,000 employees across North America.

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 (including over 48 million pounds of fresh produce, meat, and dairy) 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](#).

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