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## **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Receives \$150,000 Donation from Publix Super Markets Charities**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (September 20, 2022)** – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina announced it received a \$150,000 donation from Publix Super Markets Charities to purchase much needed warehouse equipment including a forklift, rider electric pallet jack, 2 lift gates for trucks and a floor scrubberlast week along with having approximately 40 wonderful Publix team members volunteer. During their time onsite they packed 1,500 bags of produce that included cucumbers, apples, squash, and sweet potatoes. These healthy fruits and vegetables will be distributed through the Food Bank’s School Mobile Pantries that take place at Title 1 schools in the area.

Second Harvest has seen a significant increase in the number of children needed meals outside of the traditional school times, and Publix Charities’ donation will help increase capacity and meet this elevated need. Publix Charities has given a total of 3,248,162 pounds of produce and awarded over 1.3 million dollars in grants to the Food Bank.

“Hunger relief continues to be a cornerstone of our community efforts, and it’s our privilege to support organizations throughout the Southeast,” said Publix CEO Todd Jones. “We are grateful for the opportunity to support Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and to alleviate hunger in the communities we serve and put food on the tables of our neighbors in need.”

The \$150,000 donation from Publix Charities to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is one of several donations made this year to help. “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 thousands of hard-working adults, children, seniors, and veterans who simply cannot make ends meet and are faced with the harsh realities of hunger, we are thankful for this donation and our continued partnership.”

In the 24-county region served by SHFBM, over 512,000 residents are food insecure, including over 168,000 children and over 50,000 seniors. The Food Bank provides food to over 950 partner agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, low-income daycares, homeless shelters, senior programs, and organizations serving veterans.

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Pictured above – Publix CEO Todd Jones (third from right) and Publix Associates sorted and packed produce for families and children in need at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in North Carolina. (September 2022)

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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, which included over 48 million pounds of fresh produce, meat and dairy, to 950+ hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

#### **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](http://www.publixcharities.org).

#### **About Publix Super Markets**

Publix, the largest employee-owned company in the U.S. with more than 230,000 associates, currently operates 1,305 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](http://corporate.publix.com/newsroom).