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8th Annual Santa Express to Provide Gifts to Almost 10,000 High Need Students Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina To Visit 23 Schools in 11 Counties December 5 – 12, 2022

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (December 7, 2022) – On **Monday, December 5th**, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHMETROLINA) kicked off their **8th Annual Santa Express in partnership with Walmart**. The event will provide holiday gifts of apples to each school along with items like toiletries, socks, school supplies to over 10,000 **high need elementary school students in 23 schools in 11 counties** served by the Food Bank.

The goal of SHMETROLINA's Santa Express is to spread holiday cheer and spirit to children in need. There are over 159,000 children in the Charlotte Metro region who struggle with hunger. Families already struggling to put food on the table don't have extra for gifts for birthdays and holidays. They also often don't have extra money to pay for fresh fruits and vegetables when grocery shopping and often have to settle for less expensive and less nutritious food options.

Beginning December 5th, SHMETROLINA team members will deliver items to elementary schools in the following counties in North and South Carolina: Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Anson, Lancaster (SC), York (SC), Cherokee (SC), Rutherford, Cleveland, Gaston, Burke, and Lincoln. A full schedule, including dates and times of deliveries is attached.

For more information about Santa Express 2022 contact Donna Ragan, SHMETROLINA Marketing & Communications Manager at dragan@secondharvest.org or 704.805.1724.

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About 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](#).