

**SECOND  
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FOOD BANK  
OF METROLINA**

Together We CAN End Hunger

# News Release

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## **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina Kicks Off Their Summer Feeding Program on the Last Day of School So Not a Day Goes By For Children Who are Food Insecure**

*Hendrick Automotive Group, GSF Foundation, Assistance League of Charlotte and the Albemarle Foundation Come Together to End Child Hunger*

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – June 3, 2019 – Not a day will be wasted for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina’s (SHMETROLINA) goal to end hunger as they kick off their Summer Feeding program on the last day of school, **June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at their 500-B Spratt Street warehouse.** The Food Bank will announce that summer feeding services in and around the Charlotte area will be expanded with the financial assistance of **Hendrick Automotive Group**, the **GSF Foundation**, the **Albemarle Foundation**, and the **Assistance League of Charlotte**. Funds donated will allow SHMETROLINA to feed more children who are at a high risk of missing meals while they are out of school for the summer.

A brief check presentation will take place that will include donor representatives as follows: Hendrick Automotive Group - \$78,240, the GSF Foundation - \$33,343, the Albemarle Foundation - \$25,000, and the Assistance League of Charlotte - \$21,420. **These generous donations will be used to help support 37 elementary and 5 middle schools across Mecklenburg, York, and Gaston counties.**

“Our Summer Feeding Programs meet a real need in our community”, says Kay Carter, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. “We are thankful that Hendrick Automotive Group, GSF Foundation, the Albemarle Foundation, and the Assistance League of Charlotte are helping us expand what we are able to offer children in need in our community this summer. Children should be enjoying their summer break, not worrying about when they will eat again. The food provided will help keep these children healthy and ready to learn when school starts back in August.”

The Second Harvest Backpack Program provides a backpack of nutritious, ready-to-eat foods on the weekends and school breaks when children don't have access to school meals. The School Based Mobile Pantry Program provides families at high-poverty elementary schools with a week's worth of groceries. Groceries include staple pantry items such as oatmeal, rice, low-sodium soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter. Also provided are fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, whole grain bread, milk, and eggs. Both programs provide financial savings to families struggling to make ends meet.

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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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