



**THE ATLANTA BRAVES AND PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS TO HOST FOOD DRIVE
IN HONOR OF NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY**

ATLANTA (June 2, 2006)—When the Atlanta Braves take on the Washington Nationals on Tuesday, June 6, The Atlanta Braves Foundation, The Atlanta Community Food Bank, Publix Super Markets, 11Alive’s Fred Kalil and Braves Pitcher John Smoltz will join forces in a local effort to raise awareness, collect funds and nonperishable food.

On June 4, a special paper bag will appear in the Sunday edition of the Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper. Readers will be invited to fill the bag with canned goods, bring them to **Turner Field’s Monument Grove on June 6 before the 7:35 p.m. Braves game** and receive a special two-for-one Braves ticket offer to select games. Supporters may also take the bag to their neighborhood Publix to redeem the same offer.

In it’s fifth year, National Hunger Awareness Day has become a growing observance that unites corporations, religions, organizations and communities all over America. It was created in 2002 by America’s Second Harvest—a network of more than 200 food banks—after Sept. 11. The day has become a chance for America to pause and spotlight a critical issue that can no longer be ignored.

“Hunger and poverty are the realities for many Georgians, and with today’s hustle-bustle lifestyle, it can be so easy to forget that some of our very own neighbors are going without the basic nourishment they need to live healthy lives,” said Atlanta Braves Veteran Pitcher John Smoltz. Last year Smoltz received the prestigious Roberto Clemente award for his overall community service and his 14-year involvement with the Food Bank.

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“We invite everyone to come out to the Braves game,” said Bill Bolling, executive director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “National Hunger Awareness Day is the one time a year that all walks of life can come together to focus on the hungry and poor.”

ABOUT THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Founded in 1979, the Atlanta Community Food Bank annually distributes more than 15 million pounds of food to more than 750 community-based hunger-relief organizations in metro Atlanta and Northwest Georgia. In addition to food distribution, the Food Bank leads seven distinct community-building projects: *Atlanta’s Table*, *Community Garden Initiative*, *Hunger 101*, *Hunger Walk/Run*, *Kids in Need*, *Product Rescue Center* and *The Atlanta Collaborative Kitchen (TACK)*. For more information about the Food Bank, call (404) 892-FEED ext. 1246 or visit www.ACFB.org

ABOUT PUBLIX

Publix is owned and operated by its 136,000 employees, with 2005 sales of \$20.6 billion. Currently Publix has 881 stores in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. The company has been named one of Fortune’s “100 Best Companies to Work For in America” for nine consecutive years. In addition, Publix’s dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized as tops in the grocery business, most recently by an American Customer Satisfaction Index survey. For more information, visit the company’s Web site, www.publix.com.

ABOUT THE ATLANTA BRAVES FOUNDATION

The Atlanta Braves Foundation is the nonprofit arm of the Atlanta Braves that actively supports community organizations and their programs within the metro Atlanta area. Since its inception in 1992, the Atlanta Braves Foundation has provided support to thousands of metro Atlanta based organizations and has annually contributed more than \$1 million in financial and in-kind assistance to the community. Through the generous support of Braves players, employees, sponsors and fans, the Atlanta Braves Foundation continuously strives to improve the quality of life for our youth.

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How To Get Involved At The Braves Game

Look for the paper bag that will be included in the June 4 Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper, fill it with nonperishable foods and bring it to Turner Field's Monument Grove for donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and receive the opportunity to purchase two-for-one Braves tickets to select home games during the month of June. Participants may also bring canned goods to other Braves games through June 22 and receive the same offer.

Bring a cash donation for the Atlanta Community Food Bank to the Braves game and receive the opportunity to purchase two-for-one Braves tickets to select home games during the month of June.

How To Get Involved At Publix Supermarkets

Bring nonperishable foods to any local participating Publix Supermarket **June 5-18** and receive the opportunity to purchase two-for-one Braves tickets to select home games during the month of June.

For More Information About National Hunger Awareness Day

Contact the Atlanta Community Food Bank at 404-892-FEED or visit www.ACFB.org

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