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## Atlanta Community Food Bank Receives \$100K Equitable Food Access Grant from Starbucks to Continue to Increase Access to Nutritious Foods for Its Neighbors

Atlanta, GA (March 31, 2023) – The Atlanta Community Food Bank received an additional \$100,000 from Starbucks in support of the equitable food access grant to continue to help increase access to nutritious food among households with individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color residing in communities experiencing high food insecurity rates in metro Atlanta and North Georgia. In 2021, Starbucks provided an initial \$100,000 investment in support of the food bank’s efforts. The Atlanta Community Food Bank will use this grant to build on the work it completed during the first year and will continue to engage local communities to better understand the barriers to accessing food and support new or expand existing interventions that can help overcome these obstacles.

“We are truly thankful for the amazing support provided to us by Starbucks through their relationship with Feeding America. Too many people in our service area lack reliable access to nutritious foods and this generous gift allows us to increase equitable access to those products for communities of color.” said Kyle Waide, President and CEO of Atlanta Community Food Bank.

The neighbors in the Atlanta Community Food Bank’s service area are highly diverse. However, as roughly 76% of the neighbors identify as belonging to a community of color, the impact of food insecurity is especially felt by our neighbors who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The Atlanta Community Food Bank is striving to reduce this impact by using funding from Starbucks to invest in place-based initiatives that provide greater access to food within communities of high need that also have a population with significant numbers of Black, Indigenous, People of Color individuals. A primary way we are doing so is by hosting mobile pantries in these communities that provide a greater amount of nutritious foods – including fresh produce – to the people we serve. In total, the funding received through the most recent Starbucks investment will help enable approximately 400,000 meals.

“Starbucks believes it is our role and responsibility to help support thriving, resilient and sustainable communities. In partnership with Feeding America,



we are tackling hunger with a focus on equity,” said Michael Kabori, vice president of social impact and chief sustainability officer at Starbucks. “The equitable food access grants are a unique opportunity to increase access to nutritious food for people that need it most.”

The Atlanta Community Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America® network, is one of 16 food banks to receive this second grant from Starbucks. The Atlanta Community Food Bank was identified based on the location of a [Starbucks Community Store](#) which are committed to economic development and opportunity in historically under-resourced communities. Since 2016, Starbucks has helped to provide more than 50 million meals\* to people facing hunger through its FoodShare program in partnership with Feeding America.

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### About Atlanta Community Food Bank

The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day, including children, seniors and working families. Through more than 700 nonprofit partners, we help more than 715,00 people get healthy food every year. Our goal is that all hungry people across metro Atlanta and North Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. Join us at [ACFB.org](http://ACFB.org).