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## ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK RECEIVES MULTIPLE SIX-FIGURE DONATIONS TO AID WITH EMERGENCY COVID-19 RESPONSE

**ATLANTA, GA** (July 27, 2020) — The <u>Atlanta Community Food Bank</u>, one of the largest hunger relief programs in the nation, received multiple six-figure donations to aid with its emergency COVID-19 response efforts. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic the Food Bank has seen a 300% increase in inquiries from people seeking food assistance. The Food Bank has also grown food distribution by 43%, providing more than 29.75 million meals to struggling families in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia since March 16th.

To aid in the Food Bank's dramatically increased efforts to fill the meal gap, the following companies donated critical funds to ensure the Food Bank could continue helping Georgians in need during the pandemic:

- Bank of America Foundation
- BlackRock
- Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and United Way of Greater Atlanta
- Feeding America
- First Communities
- Gas South
- ICE (Intercontinental Exchange)
- Jeff Bezos in partnership with Feeding America
- McKesson Foundation
- PNC Foundation
- Primerica Foundation
- Publix Super Market Charities
- Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign
- Rotary Club of Atlanta
- The Coca-Cola Foundation
- <u>Truist Foundation</u>
- <u>UnitedHealthcare</u>
- Yardi Systems, Inc.



These generous partners provided contributions that have and will continue to support the Food Bank's emergency COVID-19 response by purchasing additional food and grocery products, significantly expanding mobile pantry distributions and providing crucial capacity building resources to our partner agencies. The Food Bank is also targeting hard hit communities with special emergency food distributions to ensure access to nutritious food for families in need.

"We are so thankful for the support of these wonderful corporate partners. Their generosity comes at a critical time, as so many are out of school or work, and are missing out on meals and funds to provide those meals," said <a href="Kyle Waide">Kyle Waide</a>, President and CEO of Atlanta Community Food Bank. "This continued support means that the Food Bank can stay nimble and be there for the community in their moment of need— whether they are asking for help for the first time in their lives, or struggling with perpetual food insecurity that made it difficult to fill their plates even before this crisis hit. Recovery will not be easy, but we find strength in our partners through these times of uncertainty. Thank you again."

Continued support from the community is more important than ever. If you, or someone you know, are interested in helping to fuel the Food Bank's emergency response you may visit <a href="https://www.acfb.org">www.acfb.org</a>. Every \$1 can provide enough food for up to 4 meals.

## **About Atlanta Food Community 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 755,000 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.

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