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FIFTH GROUP RESTAURANTS RAISES OVER $100,000 FOR 38TH ANNUAL HUNGER WALK RUN

ATLANTA, GA (April 4, 2022) – Fifth Group Restaurants, creators of some of Atlanta’s most recognized restaurants, raised over $100,000 in hunger relief funds for Atlanta Community Food Bank’s 38th annual Hunger Walk Run which took place March 6, 2022. Showing their support for 15 years, Fifth Group has collectively raised more than $850,000 since 2008; resulting in over 2 million meals to feed hungry neighbors in need.

Nearly 1 in 8 Georgians and 1 in 7 children is estimated to be food insecure in the Food Bank’s service area. On the heels of the pandemic, inflation, rising rents, and other cost of living increases all continue to present challenges to families and individuals already struggling to put enough food on their tables. Fighting hunger is one of Fifth Group’s many community efforts and their support is crucial to ensuring Georgia families receive the nutrition they need to live full and productive lives.

“Our annual Hunger Walk Run is a much-anticipated event, because it rallies so many of our community members to join forces in the fight against hunger, but in a fun, engaging and educational manner,” said Kyle Waide, president and CEO for Atlanta Community Food Bank. “This year’s event was a success thanks in part to the support of Fifth Group Restaurants and their many guests, clients and employees.”

The family-friendly event was held virtually and in-person on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at The Home Depot Backyard and attracted close to 4,000 individuals who
rallied together to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. The formal check was presented to the ACFB at Fifth Group’s La Tavola on Monday, March 28, during a celebratory ceremony.

“We’re grateful for the generous donations of our staff, friends, families, guests & partners helping us not only reach this year’s companywide goal but also build awareness of this issue,” shares Robby Kukler, partner at Fifth Group Restaurants. “This is a true, all-team effort in helping our food insecure neighbors – many of which might be in our own communities – become closer to being able to feed themselves and their families.”

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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 715,000 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.

**About Fifth Group Restaurants**

The legacy began in 1993 when Robby Kukler, Steve Simon and their partner Kris Reinhard opened South City Kitchen on Crescent Avenue in the heart of midtown Atlanta. A continued focus on innovation and growth led to the development of additional concepts and locations, including South City Kitchen Vinings, Avalon and Buckhead, La Tavola Trattoria, Ecco Midtown and Buckhead, The Original El Taco, Alma Cocina Downtown and Buckhead and Lure, alongside one of the South’s most renowned catering and design companies, Bold Catering & Design. These successful concepts make up Fifth Group Restaurants – Atlanta’s award-winning chef and community driven hospitality group. Over the past 20 years, Fifth Group Restaurants’ food, chefs, business model, green initiatives and community work have been frequent features of high-profile publications such as *The New York Times, Atlanta Business Chronicle, Southern Living, Food & Wine, Garden & Gun, USA Today* and *Esquire*.

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