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**Publix Charities Donates \$5 Million to Feeding America Network
*Bringing More to the Table***

LAKELAND, Fla., Aug. 31, 2016 — Publix Super Markets Charities announced today it will donate \$5 million to the Feeding America® network, including 28 member food banks and 38 of their local partner agencies across Publix’s operating area. The donation will provide funding to assist in the transportation and program needs of the food banks and agencies. This year’s \$5 million contribution to the Feeding America network is more than three times the amount previously given in any year.

This generous donation continues Publix Super Markets Charities’ commitment to meeting the basic needs of the communities it serves. Food banks are in need of funding to support emergency food boxes, senior feeding initiatives and kids back pack programs. Refrigerated trucks are also needed to transport perishable items that are donated by food retailers. To help meet these needs, the following 28 Feeding America member food banks will receive a gift of \$100,000 - \$200,000 from the Foundation:

Food Bank	Location	Donation
Alabama		
Community Food Bank of Central Alabama	Birmingham	\$200,000
Feeding the Gulf Coast	Theodore	\$150,000
Food Bank of North Alabama	Huntsville	\$100,000
Montgomery Area Food Bank	Montgomery	\$150,000
Florida		
All Faiths Food Bank	Sarasota	\$200,000
America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend	Tallahassee	\$100,000
Feeding Northeast Florida	Jacksonville	\$150,000
Feeding South Florida	Pembroke Park	\$200,000
Feeding Tampa Bay	Tampa	\$175,000
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida	Fort Myers	\$100,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida	Orlando	\$200,000

Treasure Coast Food Bank	Fort Pierce	\$100,000
Georgia		
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	Savannah	\$200,000
Atlanta Community Food Bank	Atlanta	\$200,000
Feeding the Valley Food Bank	Columbus	\$100,000
Food Bank of Northeast Georgia	Athens	\$150,000
Golden Harvest Food Bank	Augusta	\$100,000
Middle Georgia Community Food Bank	Macon	\$150,000
Second Harvest of South Georgia	Valdosta	\$150,000
North Carolina		
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina	Raleigh	\$200,000
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	Raleigh	\$100,000
MANNA Food Bank	Asheville	\$150,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina	Charlotte	\$200,000
South Carolina		
Harvest Hope Food Bank	Columbia	\$150,000
Lowcountry Food Bank	Charleston	\$150,000
Tennessee		
Chattanooga Area Food Bank	Chattanooga	\$150,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee	Maryville	\$100,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee	Nashville	\$150,000

This funding will assist more than 10,000 agencies served by the member food banks.

In related efforts, the Foundation also will give 38 local food bank partner agencies funding to help meet localized community needs:

Partner Agencies	Location	Donation
Alabama		
Cullman Caring for Kids	Cullman	\$20,000
Prodisee Pantry	Spanish Fort	\$20,000
The Jimmie Hale Mission	Birmingham	\$20,000
Florida		
Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry	Jacksonville	\$20,000
Boca Helping Hands	Boca Raton	\$20,000

Bread of the Mighty Food Bank	Gainesville	\$20,000
Charlotte County Homeless Coalition	Port Charlotte	\$20,000
Christian Help Foundation	Casselberry	\$20,000
Faith Farm Ministries	Boynton Beach	\$20,000
Family Resource Center	Naples	\$20,000
First Baptist Church of Islamorada	Islamorada	\$10,000
Guadalupe Social Services	Immokalee	\$26,500
Heart of Putnam Food Pantry	Palatka	\$10,000
Heartland Food Reservoir	Sebring	\$10,000
H.E.L.P. Ministries	Largo	\$10,000
Lake Cares Food Pantry	Mt. Dora	\$20,000
Leesburg Food Bank	Leesburg	\$20,000
Neighborhood Care Network	St. Petersburg	\$20,000
Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry	Wimauma	\$10,000
Star of the Sea Outreach Mission	Key West	\$20,000
The Food Pantry of Indian River County	Vero Beach	\$20,000
The Soup Kitchen	Boynton Beach	\$20,000
The Volunteer Way	New Port Richey	\$10,000
United Food Bank of Plant City	Plant City	\$20,000
Georgia		
Action Ministries	Atlanta	\$20,000
Athens Area Emergency Food Bank	Athens	\$10,000
Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries	Augusta	\$10,000
Macon Outreach at Mulberry	Macon	\$20,000
The Center of Family Resources	Marietta	\$20,000
Valley Rescue Mission	Columbus	\$20,000
North Carolina		
Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry	Asheville	\$20,000
Loaves and Fishes	Charlotte	\$20,000
South Carolina		
Anderson Interfaith Ministries	Anderson	\$20,000
Food Bank of Greenwood County	Greenwood	\$20,000
Midland Park Community Ministries	North Charleston	\$10,000
Tennessee		
Grace Works Ministries	Franklin	\$20,000
Greenhouse Ministries	Murfreesboro	\$20,000

Knox Area Rescue Mission	Knoxville	\$20,000
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According to the USDA, more than 48 million Americans live in food insecure households, including 15.3 million children. People who struggle with food insecurity are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life. Although food insecurity is harmful to any individual, it can be particularly devastating among children due to their increased vulnerability and the potential for long-term consequences.

“The statistics are alarming especially as it pertains to our children,” said Carol Jenkins Barnett, president of Publix Super Markets Charities. “As we prepare for a new school year, many families are left grappling with the reality that they are food insecure. We continue to hear about the need for fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy from Feeding America. Our \$5 million donation will help Feeding America member food banks and their local partner agencies with the procurement, collection, transportation and distribution of even more wholesome, perishable foods to children and families. Our Foundation is dedicated to giving the gift of nourishment and hope to our communities.”

As part of the Foundation’s \$5 million gift, Feeding America will also receive a \$100,000 donation to help provide an additional 1.1 million meals to individuals and families in need.

“Hunger is an issue that affects every community in our country. We are thankful to Publix Charities for its generous contribution to the Feeding America network, and for its commitment to addressing hunger,” said Matt Knott, President of Feeding America. “From refrigerated trucks that have the ability to move millions of meals within communities to feeding programs that reach children and the elderly, this donation will help to ensure that our member food banks are able to meet the needs of people who struggle with hunger.”

Publix’s Perishable Recovery Program

In 2007, Publix piloted an in-store perishable recovery program to benefit the Feeding America network of food banks. Fresh departments across the store, including deli, meat, produce and dairy, gathered perishable, wholesome foods that were safe for consumption, but unsalable to donate to member food banks. In 2009, the pilot expanded, and a companywide rollout occurred in 2010. To date, the company has donated more than 220 million pounds of perishable food to food banks, representing more than 183 million meals.

“As a food retailer, our single biggest opportunity to give back is in reducing hunger,” said Maria Brous, Publix director of media and community relations. “Our perishable recovery

program is just one example of our associates' commitment to make our communities a better place. By donating much needed wholesome foods, we're helping our local food banks meet the needs of our neighbors."

Due to Publix's perishable recovery efforts, Feeding America named Publix an inaugural Visionary Partner in 2015.

"One in seven Americans struggles with food insecurity, and this hardship can have a lasting impact on their lives, from education to health to employment," said Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam. "Publix Super Markets Charities' generous contribution will not only help provide nutritious food to families in need, but has the potential to improve the lives of thousands of Americans."

About Publix Super Markets Charities

George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets and affectionately known as "Mr. George" believed in giving. From the day he opened his first Publix, he made sure his associates, customers and community were taken care of. In 1966, Mr. George established the Foundation with the vision it would continue giving long after he was gone. Under the leadership of Carol Jenkins Barnett, Mr. George's daughter, Publix Super Markets Charities remains committed to serving the communities in which Publix operates. To learn more, visit www.publixcharities.org.

About Publix Super Markets

Publix is privately owned and operated by its 184,000 employees, with 2015 sales of \$32.4 billion. Currently Publix has 1,124 stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina. The company has been named one of *Fortune's* "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" for 19 consecutive years. In addition, Publix's dedication to superior quality and customer service is recognized among the top in the grocery business. For more information, visit the company's website, corporate.publix.com. ###