

Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina Receives \$25,000 Grant from Publix Super Markets Charities

FAYETTEVILLE, NC– August 31, 2018– Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina (SHFB), a proud member of Feeding America, was awarded \$25,000 from Publix Super Markets Charities to fund capital improvements that will help improve its distribution center in downtown Fayetteville. The grant will support investments in the equipment necessary to handle perishable products, such as refrigerated vehicles; coolers and freezers for transporting, storing and distributing food; thermometers and temperature calibration devices; among other items.

“This funding ultimately helps us secure and distribute more nutritious foods to the families in our community,” said Ron Pringle, Program Director for Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina. “We are thankful to Publix Charities for working with us in this way to fight hunger in southeast North Carolina, and we are so excited to be able to do more for those in need.”

SHFB, an Action Pathways program, has built a network of over 260 member agencies– churches, food pantries, shelters, and other nonprofits– which distributes food to individuals and families throughout seven counties. With a mostly rural service area that limits access to healthy meals due to low income or geographic location, SHFB must work hard to ensure its member agencies have the ability to transport secured product safely, with special attention to temperature control.

This grant award is part of a \$5 million donation to more than 240 nonprofit organizations, indicative of Publix Super Markets Charities’ commitment to alleviating hunger for children, seniors, and families in need. The donation helps kick off Hunger Action Month – in which people and organizations, throughout the month of September, stand with Feeding America to fight hunger. For more information on the hunger crisis and how communities can band together this September, visit: feedingamerica.org.

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ABOUT SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF SOUTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA: A member of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina serves seven counties: Bladen, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, and Sampson. With a large, rural service area, the organization relies on strong partnerships with over 260 churches, food pantries, and other nonprofits to distribute food to those in need. Led by the principles of “Feed – Advocate – Empower,” SHFB is committed to improving access to healthy foods; advocating for those in need; and empowering the community with emergency aid and education.