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## **Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast NC Receives \$5,000 from the Publix Super Markets Charities to Address Hunger Relief During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA – Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast NC has received \$5,000 from Publix Super Markets Charities to address food relief in Bladen, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, and Sampson counties during the Coronavirus crisis.

The grant will fund hunger relief efforts by providing food boxes and other food distribution opportunities to families impacted by COVID-19. Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina is working tirelessly to accommodate the needs of the community during this time. They will continue to provide fresh produce and meals to children and families without access to the food they need.

“We would like to thank Publix Super Markets Charities for its contribution during this challenging time in the fight against hunger. The support will help us provide meals for families dealing with the impact of COVID-19,” Interim Food Bank Director, Cortez Phillip said.

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### **About Action Pathways Second Harvest Food Bank**

A proud member of Feeding America, Action Pathways 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. In southeast North Carolina, over 18 percent of people are at risk of hunger. SHFB is committed to improving access to healthy foods; advocating for those in need; empowering the community with emergency assistance and education.

### **About Publix Super Markets Charities**

George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets and affectionately known as “Mr. George,” believed in giving back. 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. Publix Super Markets Charities remains committed to serving the communities in which Publix operates. To learn more, visit [www.publixcharities.org](http://www.publixcharities.org).

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