

NEW GRANT FUNDING HELPS ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK RESCUE MORE FOOD FROM LOCAL GROCERS

Grant from Walmart and Feeding America will enable increased access for neighbors facing hunger

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, December 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#) announced today a \$750,000 grant from Walmart and Feeding America®, part of a continuing, multi-year partnership to strengthen food donation efforts between food banks, partner agencies, and local retailers. □

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Funded by Walmart and awarded to 13 food banks in the Feeding America network of local food banks, the Retail Agency Capacity Grant equips food banks' partner agencies, including food pantries and meal programs, with equipment, vehicles and staff to support "food rescue" efforts, in which grocers donate fresh, frozen, and shelf-stable foods to food banks and agency partners. □□

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"Since 2020, the Atlanta Community Food Bank has increased the amount of fresh produce, meats, and other perishables offered to our partners, and these items now account for 65% percent of the food we distribute. But properly transporting these items requires specialized



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equipment,” said Kyle Waide, President and CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “This grant from Walmart allows us to expand our commitment to providing healthy and nutritious food options by providing eight partner agencies with vehicles that can safely transport perishables.”

With these grants, Walmart has donated a total of \$15.75 million to 33 food banks and hundreds of partner agencies to increase their capacity to recover and distribute fresh food. These investments have led to substantial increases in the number of weekly donated food pickups through new equipment like refrigerated vans, added staff, and new technology and training. □

“Increasing access to food is key to Walmart’s purpose to help people to live better, and we’ve been working with Feeding America for the past 20 years to help local food banks and agencies recover and distribute more food donations,” said Julie Gehrki, Senior Vice President at Walmart and President of the Walmart Foundation. “We’re honored to build on this work through our support of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. We look forward to collaborating to get more fresh food to people who need it.” □ □

This year’s grant announcement continues a celebration of 20 years of partnership between Walmart, Sam’s Club and Feeding America that’s grown into one of the most transformative collaborations in the hunger relief space, with approximately \$271 million in donations, including more than \$177 million from the company and the Walmart Foundation and nearly \$95 million from customers and members. Walmart and Sam’s Club have also donated more than 9 billion pounds of food to the Feeding America network of local food banks and partner agencies since 2006, making them Feeding America’s largest corporate donor. □

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. Through more than 700 community-based, nonprofit partners in 29 counties, we help thousands of families, children, and seniors 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. In 2023, the Atlanta Community Food Bank distributed its one billionth meal. Join us at [ACFB.org](https://www.acfb.org).

About Philanthropy at Walmart □

Walmart.org □ represents the philanthropic efforts of Walmart and the Walmart Foundation. The Walmart.org team works to tackle key social and environmental issues relevant for the retail sector in collaboration with others to spark long-lasting systemic change and help people live better in the communities we serve. To learn more, visit www.walmart.org. □

About Feeding America

Feeding America is committed to an America where no one is hungry. We support tens of millions of people who experience food insecurity to get the food and resources they say they need to thrive as part of a nationwide network of food banks, statewide food bank associations, food pantries and meal programs. We also invest in innovative solutions to increase equitable access to nutritious food, advocate for legislation that improves food security and work to address factors that impact food security, such as health, cost of living and employment. We partner with people experiencing food insecurity, policymakers, organizations, and supporters, united with them in a movement to end hunger. Visit FeedingAmerica.org to learn more.

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