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## **Feeding America Receives Essential Donation from Publix Charities**

**TAMPA BAY, Fla.** (Sept. 28, 2016)— Feeding America received a \$5 million donation today from Publix Super Markets Charities. This money will go towards 28 member food banks and 38 local partner agencies of Feeding America in Publix's operating areas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that 48 million Americans live in what they call "food-insecure" households, including 15.3 million children.

"The statistics are alarming, especially as it pertains to our children. As we prepare for a new school year, many families are left grapping with the reality that they are food insecure," said Carol Jenkins Barnett, president of Publix Super Market Charities.

This will assist Feeding America in providing transportation and fulfilling program needs that their food banks and agencies have, including senior feeding initiatives, emergency food boxes, and kids' backpack programs.

To date, Feeding America has received more than 220 million pounds of donated food from Publix to alleviate hunger in surrounding communities.

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## About Feeding America

Feeding America is the nationwide network of 200 food banks that leads the fight against hunger in the United States. Together, we provide food to more than 46 million people through 60,000 food pantries and meal programs in communities across America. Feeding America also supports programs that improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Individuals, charities, businesses and government all have a role in ending hunger. Donate. Volunteer. Advocate. Educate. Together we can solve hunger. Visit www.feedingamerica.org, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

## 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.