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Alpha Gamma Delta Grant Helps Chattanooga Area Food Bank Fight Hunger

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – The Chattanooga Area Food Bank (“Food Bank”) received a \$2,500 grant from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to help fund its Family Bag Program.

Through this grant, Alpha Gamma Delta helped support the Food Bank’s COVID-19 emergency response to serve the projected one in five people overall, including one in four children, who may now face hunger as a result of the pandemic. Originally intended to address summer hunger when children are not receiving free and reduced school meals, the Family Bag Program expanded to begin early and include new sites in response to COVID-19 school closings in 11 rural Tennessee and Georgia counties.

“When school is out for summer every year, it can be difficult for families to afford to replace the meals their children usually receive through the National School Lunch Program,” said Nutrition and Program Coordinator Dory Cooper. “This gap was magnified when schools closed due to the pandemic. We are grateful to Alpha Gamma Delta for their support that helped families in need.”

Funds from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation helped the Food Bank purchase food for the program that distributed more than 18,000 bags overall for 12 weeks during spring and summer 2020.

About the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity which exists to provide support to our sisters, Fraternity and communities. Each year, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation awards scholarships to more than 150 deserving sisters and makes grants to dozens of organizations dedicated to fighting hunger across the U.S. and Canada in support of Alpha Gamma Delta’s philanthropic focus. For more information visit alphagammadeltafoundation.org.

About the Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Founded in 1972, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank’s mission is to lead a network of partners in eliminating hunger and promoting better nutrition in our region. In its 20-county service area of Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, up to 1 in 5 people overall and more than 1 in 4 children could face hunger due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Annually, the Food Bank distributes more than 15 million pounds of food through its network of partner agencies to serve children, families, seniors, veterans and others who are facing hunger. The Food Bank is a proud member of Feeding America, the largest hunger relief umbrella nonprofit organization in the U.S. For more information about the Food Bank or to how to get involved, visit chattfoodbank.org, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn.

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