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**Red Nose Day Fund Awards Chattanooga Area Food Bank  
\$10,000 Grant to Fight Childhood Hunger**

*Chattanooga, TN* – The Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Food Bank) received a \$10,000 grant from the Red Nose Day Fund, which helped to fight childhood hunger in Southeast Tennessee during the 2018-2019 school year. Through its School Mobile Pantry program, the Food Bank was able to provide 2,945 gallons of nutrient-rich milk to more than 800 children per month at The Howard School and East Lake Elementary, both located in Chattanooga.

Established in 2014, the School Mobile Pantry Program serves as a critical component of the Food Bank’s efforts to alleviate childhood hunger and helps to increase a family with children’s access to healthy and nutritious food.

“We cannot thank the Red Nose Day Fund and Comic Relief Inc. enough for your continued support of our mission and efforts to end childhood hunger in our region, where 1 in 5 children struggles with hunger,” said Gina Crumbliss, president and CEO of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. “You’re providing local children with the nutrients they need to live a healthy lifestyle and changing lives along the way. For that we say thank you!”

Organized by the public charity Comic Relief Inc., Red Nose Day is on a mission to end child poverty, one nose at a time. Proceeds from the annual campaign, which includes the purchase of red noses and a celebrity-filled telethon on NBC, support Feeding America food banks and other national charities and ensures children in need are safe, healthy and educated. Since its launch in the United Kingdom in 1988, Red Nose Day has raised more than \$1 billion across the globe, including \$190 million in the United States since 2015.

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**About the Chattanooga Area Food Bank** Founded in 1972 and renamed in 1983, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, a proud member of Feeding America, is committed to leading a network of partners in eliminating hunger and promoting better nutrition in our region. The Food Bank acquires and distributes healthy food across a 20-county service region including Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia with help from its network of over 300 partner agencies. Last year alone, the Food Bank distributed over 15.1 million pounds of food (equal to 12.6 million meals) and served over 25,000 people each week. In addition to food provision, the Food Bank works to engage the public in the fight to end hunger and empower people to take responsibility for their health and their lives. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, visit our [website](#), like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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