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## **Lillian L. Colby Foundation Fights Childhood Hunger at Clifton Hills Elementary School with \$22,000 grant to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank**

*Chattanooga, TN* – The Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Food Bank) received a \$22,000 grant from the Lillian L. Colby Foundation to fight childhood hunger at Clifton Hills Elementary School, in Chattanooga, during the 2018-2019 school year. Through its School Mobile Pantry program, the Food Bank was able to provide 52,393 nutritious meals, which included fresh fruits and vegetables, protein, grains, and Grade “A” milk, to 121 families with children. Nine monthly distributions, totaling 62,872 pounds of food, occurred during the school year at Clifton Hills Elementary School, alone.

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 increase a family with children’s access to healthy and nutritious food. Unreliable or limited access to transportation, public or otherwise, prevents many of the 1 in 5 children and 1 in 8 individuals struggling with hunger in the Food Bank’s 20-county service region, in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, from obtaining the healthy food required to live a productive lifestyle. Its School Mobile Pantry Program breaks down these barriers by distributing food to those who need it most directly in the communities where they live.

“We are extremely grateful to the Lillian L. Colby Foundation for their generous support of our School Mobile Pantry program at Clifton Hills Elementary School,” said Gina Crumbliss, president and CEO of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. “Their generosity made a measureable, positive impact on many levels in the lives of families with young children that we serve.”

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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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