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Food City Donates \$146,910 to Chattanooga Area Food Bank and Others to Fight Hunger

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Today at the Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Food Bank) warehouse, Food City made a gift of \$146,910 to the Food Bank and area hunger relief organizations. A team of local Food City store managers, led by District Managers Daryl Massey and Rodney Dillard, presented the check that reflected contributions made by customers at 27 Food City locations in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia during the 2018 *WRCB Channel 3's Share Your Christmas™*. Of this total, the Food Bank will receive \$60,672 which will help to provide 242,688 meals.

“Food City’s gift reflects only one of the generous ways they join us in fighting hunger across Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia,” said Gina Crumbliss, president & CEO of the Food Bank. “In addition to participating in *WRCB Channel 3's Share Your Christmas™*, Food City stores also host our signature red barrels during the holidays to collect food donations. We are grateful for the tremendous support they provide us, including donating products like dairy and bakery items year-round to our partner agencies, totaling an equivalent of 396,115 meals last year.”

Food City District Manager Daryl Massey presented the check which reflected an increase over the previous two years. “We appreciate the work of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank to help families facing hunger in our region,” he said. “Participating in *WRCB Channel 3's Share Your Christmas™* is a long-time tradition for Food City. It’s a humbling experience every holiday to see how deeply our customers care about their neighbors in need and a welcome reminder about how giving Chattanooga really is.”

Out of the total \$146,910, the remaining \$86,238 will be divided among 11 hunger relief agencies of the Food Bank: The Salvation Army; Helping Hands Food Pantry in Chatsworth, Ga; Coordinated Charities of McMinn County in Athens, Tenn.; Soddy Daisy Food Bank in Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Waterville Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tenn; Rossville Church of Christ in Rossville, Ga.; Here I Am, The Care Mission in LaFayette, Ga; Tri-State Food Pantry in Trenton, Ga.; East Ridge Food Pantry at East Ridge United Methodist Church in Chattanooga; Shepherd’s Arms Rescue Mission in Chattanooga; and The Bethlehem Center in Chattanooga.

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 [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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