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Chattanooga Area Food Bank Receives \$50,000 Grant from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to Expand Summer Feeding Program

Chattanooga, TN – The Chattanooga Area Food Bank (Food Bank) was recently awarded a \$50,000 *Summer Feeding* Grant from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation for the establishment or expansion of summer feeding programs for children. The grant supported the Food Bank’s pilot Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) at 11 sites in two (2) underserved counties – Rhea County and Meigs County. Additionally, the grant enabled the Food Bank to continue providing Family Bags to families in need in North Hamilton, Rhea, Meigs, Fannin, Chattooga, Murray, and Marion Counties to address weekend hunger.

SFSP provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in need get the nutrition they require to learn, play and grow throughout the summer months when they are out of school. Paired with the Food Bank’s Family Bag, an 8-pound bag including five (5) pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables and three (3) pounds of shelf-stable staple items, the Food Bank and its partner agencies were able to provide 78,155 nutritious meals, which equates to 95,255 pounds, to 1,560 children and their families in need over a seven (7) week period in June and July.

“Receiving the *Summer Feeding* grant from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation allowed us to better serve our communities by nourishing the children who may have otherwise missed meals over the summer when school was out of session,” said Gina Crumbliss, President and CEO of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. “Food access is critical to a child’s growth, development and success, and we are very grateful for the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation’s continued support of the Food Bank and commitment to fighting hunger in our region.”

Started in 1982, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation was established to allow the company to give back to the communities where their customers live and work. In 2016, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation partnered with Feeding America to provide the largest senior hunger investment in Feeding America’s history.

About the Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Founded in 1972 and renamed in 1983, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank 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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