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FOOD BANK**

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ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK RECEIVES GRANT FROM CONAGRA BRANDS FOUNDATION TO FEED MORE KIDS FACING HUNGER THIS SUMMER

The grant provided in partnership with Feeding America® addresses increased risk of child hunger during summer months when fewer children have access to school feeding programs

ATLANTA, GA (June 14, 2017) — One in four children in Georgia faces hunger. When schools are closed for summer, kids who rely on free or reduced-price school breakfast and lunch have less access to nutritious meals that they need to grow and thrive. This is why Feeding America®, the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief organization, and Conagra Brands Foundation have partnered to provide more meals to kids when they need them most through the Hunger-Free Summer program. The Atlanta Community Food Bank, a Feeding America member, is one of 25 food banks that have received a Hunger-Free Summer grant, funded by the Conagra Brands Foundation. The Hunger-Free Summer grant will enable the organization to provide more summer meals by opening new sites from June-August and will support our School Pantry Program in the upcoming school year. The School Pantry Program is a child hunger initiative that helps to make sure low-income families have a readily accessible source of healthy and nutritious food to prepare at home.

“The summer months are not easy for many low-income families,” said Kyle Waide, President & CEO of Atlanta Community Food Bank. “When school ends, so do access to school meals that families and rely on. The Conagra Brands Foundation’s Hunger-Free Summer grant allows us support more families in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia during the summer months by helping to ensure that children have access to healthy meals.”

Across the country, 22 million children receive free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program. When school is out during the summer, less than four million children receive meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.¹ This dramatic decline during the summer is due to a lack of access to meal sites, insufficient program awareness and limited resources.

“Children should not have to worry about where they’ll find next meal. But this is the case for millions of children across the country during the summer months. Conagra Brands Foundation is proud to partner with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks to address and

reduce the significant issue of food insecurity across the country,” says Robert Rizzo, Conagra Brands Foundation.

For the eighth consecutive summer, more than 20 communities across the country will have support to strengthen their summer feeding programs from Conagra Brands Foundation which has been a dedicated supporter of Feeding America and the fight against child hunger for over 20 years. This is the Atlanta Community Food Bank’s second time receiving this grant.

To learn more about summer hunger or find a summer feeding site in your community, visit acfb.org or text FOODGA to 877-877.

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About the Atlanta Community Food Bank

The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day, including children, seniors and working families.

Through more than 600 nonprofit partners, we help more than 755,000 people get healthy food every year. Our goal is that, by 2025, all hungry people across metro Atlanta and North Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. Join us at ACFB.org.

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About Conagra Brands Foundation's Hunger-Free Summer Grants

This summer, 25 Feeding America food banks in 15 states will receive Hunger-Free Summer grants, funded by the Conagra Brands Foundation and distributed by Feeding America, to start new or expand existing summer feeding programs. These grants totaling \$700,000—ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000 each—will allow the food banks to serve food in school libraries during the summer months, provide meals to kindergarteners at summer camp, deliver boxes of food to families in need and beyond.

About Conagra Brands Foundation

Conagra Brands Foundation believes everyone has a right to healthy and nutritious food. To make an impact and raise awareness of food insecurity, the Conagra Brands Foundation engages employees, partners with leading local and national nonprofits, and inspires others to create a world where people have access to the food they need to reach their full potential. The Conagra Brands Foundation develops national partnerships with leading nonprofit organizations to leverage experience and resources that ensure people have access to quality, wholesome food and knowledge to live healthy, active lives. Conagra Brands Foundation partners with Feeding America and its network of 200 food banks across the U.S. Together they increase access to innovative programs such as Hunger-Free Summer and improve capacity at local food banks. One key initiative is investment in the Child Hunger Corps, a capacity-building program that evaluates community needs and ultimately expands the impact of child hunger relief programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.conagrabrands.com/our-company/corporate-social-responsibility/conagra-brands-foundation>. The Conagra Brands Foundation is primarily funded by Conagra Brands.

About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 46 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.