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**ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK KICKS OFF HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

*Awareness month sheds light on fight to end hunger locally & nationwide*

**Atlanta, GA (SEPTEMBER 5, 2018)** This September the Atlanta Community Food Bank, together with the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, will mobilize across all 50 states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month™ is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 41 million Americans, including nearly 13 million children, are food insecure, according to the USDA.

This year, the Hunger Action Month campaign will focus on the strong connections between hunger and health and will ask supporters to consider how it must feel to live with an empty stomach. In metro Atlanta and North Georgia, more than 750,000 people face hunger, and throughout the state of Georgia, one in five children don't know where their next meal will come from each day.

The Atlanta Community Food Bank has several events planned, including an [advocacy workshop](#) on building relationships with elected officials September 6, a Lawmakers Day of Service September 17, a [family volunteer day](#) September 22 and its annual [Fall For Fashion](#) show September 25. Nationwide, Hunger Action Day® will be held on September 13, when efforts across the country are focused for greater impact. During Hunger Action Day, supporters will be encouraged to post their outfits on social media using #HungerActionMonth and tagging @acfb to join in the conversation. Additionally, Skyview Atlanta, the popular 20-story Ferris wheel in Centennial Park, will light up orange on September 13 to bring awareness to those who face hunger.

A number of local businesses have also stepped up to support Hunger Action Month. Honeysuckle Gelato has created an *Orange Gelato Shake* in honor of Hunger Action Month at its Ponce City Market location. Currently 5% of Honeysuckle's profits are donated to the Food Bank. In addition, The Mandarin Oriental will be donating 20% of sales from the purchase of select food and spa items at its Buckhead location to the Food Bank.

To learn more about ways you can get involved in September, download the Food Bank's Hunger Action Month ['30 Ways In 30 Days' calendar](#) that has tips on how you can become an advocate to end hunger. For more information on the work of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, visit [acfb.org](http://acfb.org).

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**About the Atlanta Food Community 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](http://ACFB.org).