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ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF WORKING TO END HUNGER WITH MULTIPLE EVENTS AIMED AT AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ATLANTA, GA (September 13, 2019) – Atlanta Community Food Bank is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2019. This milestone year marks four decades of actively working to make sure children, families, adults, and the elderly in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia have access to nutritious food. During that time, the nonprofit organization has seen its reach grow from a single community kitchen to more than 600 partner agencies serving nearly three quarters of a million people… and they’re showing no signs of slowing down on their mission to end hunger.

September is Hunger Action Month and to commemorate its four decades of service, the Atlanta Community Food Bank is organizing several events and activities to increase awareness and inspire people to get involved with the Food Bank’s mission.

A Tribute to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
Atlanta Community Food Bank was founded in 1979 by Bill Bolling, in the Community Kitchen at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. When Bolling recognized the community’s needs had surpassed the assistance the church could provide, he reached out to other organizations to join his initiative to pool resources. Thus, the Atlanta Community Food Bank was formed. As a special thank you the organization will be presenting the church with the gift of a photo mural made up of hundreds of photos from food bank volunteers, partners and food recipients.

End Hunger One Helping At a Time
Together with Feeding America, the Food Bank is asking everyone to take action during Hunger Action Month. This September, they’re seeking 4,000 actions from the public – a donation, a volunteer shift, a social media post, wearing orange – actions that will help end hunger, one helping at a time. Be sure to tag the Food Bank on social media @ACFB, by using the hashtag #HungerAction.

Hunger Action Day – Atlanta – September 13th
Also coinciding with the Atlanta Community Food Bank’s 40th Anniversary will be Downtown Atlanta’s extension of Hunger Action Eve, part of Feeding America’s Hunger Action Month initiative. On that Friday evening, prominent buildings throughout the city will “go orange” to show support and raise awareness for ending hunger and food insecurity. Those in Atlanta on
that date can see Ponce City Market, the King & Queen buildings, City Hall, the Sky Wheel, Georgia’s Own digital display, Mercedes Benz Stadium, King & Spalding and Atlantic Station showing their support by illuminating orange lights - the official color of hunger awareness.

**Hunger Action Month at Colony Square – September 25th**

In support of Hunger Action Month and Atlanta Community Food Bank’s 40th Anniversary, Colony Square is teaming up with Whole Foods to give back and feed the community. Colony Square is inviting office tenants and Midtown neighbors to donate non-perishable food items to help fill 40 boxes for those in need. For more information, please visit: csq.click/ham

“September is our most publicly recognized month for raising awareness and spreading the word about the hunger crisis - not just in the metro area, but throughout the region and across the state,” added Kyle Waide, CEO and President of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “We want to engage the community’s attention, educate folks on the urgent challenge of hunger, and empower them to make a difference in the fight to end it.”

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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 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.