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**Publix pledges \$23M to help alleviate hunger**

Publix Super Markets plans to extend its commitment to help alleviate hunger throughout the communities the company serves.

In September, Publix Super Markets Charities announced a \$5.65 million donation to 328 food banks and other nonprofit organizations focused on hunger alleviation. To further those efforts, PSMC has donated an additional \$3.85 million to 22 Feeding America member food banks for each to purchase and equip a mobile food pantry. The mobile food pantries will help these agencies provide fresh food to the people they serve. Individuals will be able to “shop” these free pantries, allowing them to choose the foods that meet their needs. With these contributions, PSMC has donated a total of \$9.5 million in 2022 to support hunger relief organizations.

Publix and PSMC have pledged a total of \$23 million to support hunger alleviation by the end of 2023 — this includes a Publix commitment to provide more than 10 million pounds of produce to stock 20 of the mobile pantries in their first year of operation.

Publix also announced it is hosting a hunger summit in February 2023 for Feeding America member food banks in the company’s operating area. The summit’s goal is to provide a forum for open discussion and sharing of best practices in areas including logistics, warehousing and transportation.

“As Americans continue to face hunger, we wanted to do more to help get much-needed meals onto the plates of our neighbors,” said Publix CEO Todd Jones. “In conjunction with Publix Charities, we’re proud to extend our commitment to helping alleviate hunger through these donations and the introduction of a hunger summit. We remain dedicated to doing good together to provide nourishing meals for people in need in our communities.”

“This donation will be instrumental for so many people who face hunger every day,” said Feeding America CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot. “Access to nutrition is a foundational need for everyone to be successful. We’re grateful to both Publix and Publix Super Markets Charities for their continued partnership and commitment to help alleviate hunger.”

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