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### **SECU and SECU Foundation Provide Food with a \$2 Million Donation to Feeding the Carolinas**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Feeding the Carolinas, North Carolina’s statewide network of food banks, has received a total of \$2 million in donations from State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU) and the SECU Foundation. The \$1 million donation from each entity will help the food banks secure the supplies they need to provide food to those facing hunger in communities across the state. These are the first of multiple donations anticipated from the joint commitment of \$10 million (\$5 million from each entity) to assist non-profit organizations in relief and recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Feeding the Carolinas is an incredible organization and we are honored to continue our partnership to help ensure North Carolinians and their families have access to supplies of healthy food,” comments Jo Anne Sanford, SECU Foundation Board Chair. “Many North Carolinians are now struggling with food insecurity because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Increased economic pressures caused by loss of jobs and by school and business closings have produced a heightened reliance on food banks. With donations from the Credit Union, the SECU Foundation, and other foundations and businesses, our food banks will be better positioned to help sustain our fellow citizens.”



*Jo Anne Sanford*



*Mike Darrow*

“We are thankful for the leadership and this incredible financial gift by both State Employees’ Credit Union and the SECU Foundation,” says Mike Darrow, Executive Director of Feeding the Carolinas. “They recognize how critical it is to supply nutritious food to families and seniors during this unprecedented time. Our member food banks are on the frontline addressing hunger for our friends and neighbors in need. SECU has always been and continues to be a strong partner in our work to eliminate food insecurity and feed our fellow North Carolinians in time of need.”

Bob Brinson, Chair of the SECU Board, adds, “Feeding the Carolinas’ food banks are positioned in strategic locations across the state with staff and volunteers ready to battle the fight against hunger year-round, despite any crisis at hand. These donations are just one way we can reach out and give a helping hand. We’re thankful for the great work of Feeding the Carolinas and extremely proud to partner with them once again.



*Bob Brinson*

## **About SECU and the SECU Foundation**

A not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members, SECU has been providing employees of the state of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for over 82 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education planning, tax preparation, insurance, trust and estate planning services, and investments through its partners and affiliated entities. SECU serves 2.5 million members through 267 branch offices, 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Member Services via phone, a website, [www.ncsecu.org](http://www.ncsecu.org) and a Mobile App. Members can also follow and subscribe to SECU on Facebook and YouTube. The SECU Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization funded by the contributions of SECU members, promotes local community development in North Carolina primarily through high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services. Since 2004, [SECU Foundation](#) has made a collective financial commitment of more than \$169 million for initiatives to benefit North Carolinians statewide. In addition to the website, highlights are also available on the SECU Foundation Instagram page.