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SECU Foundation Awards \$500,000 Grant to Feeding the Carolinas to Support Expanded Food Access During Holiday Season

– Funding will provide an estimated two million meals for North Carolinians across all 100 counties –

RALEIGH, N.C. – [SECU Foundation](#) is pleased to announce a \$500,000 grant to [Feeding the Carolinas](#) to help address widespread food insecurity and the increased demand on food banks across North Carolina.

Feeding the Carolinas works in partnership with seven regional North Carolina food banks, each of which partners with hundreds of local food pantries, churches, and community agencies to assist people in each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

SECU Foundation's grant is expected to help provide the equivalent of more than two million meals for North Carolinians this holiday season.

"This grant recognizes the critical role that our food banks play in responding to crises in North Carolina," said Feeding the Carolinas Board Chair and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC Eric Aft. "We are incredibly grateful to SECU Foundation for this grant and for helping to ensure that we can feed our neighbors."

SECU Foundation has more than a 20-year history of supporting community needs in North Carolina through grants that demonstrate the Credit Union philosophy of *People Helping People*®. Over the years, this support has included food banks working to secure and distribute food and essential supplies during times of heightened need – following Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, and Helene and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"SECU Foundation has worked with Feeding the Carolinas since 2015, helping to uplift their important work for the people of our state," said SECU Foundation Board Chair Mona Moon. "With the increasing demand for food assistance across North Carolina, we are pleased to provide this funding to aid our local food banks and ensure continued access throughout the holiday season and beyond."

For more information about the SECU Foundation and the many ways it supports North Carolina communities, visit ncsecufoundation.org. For more information about the work Feeding the Carolinas does to address food insecurity across the state, visit feedingthecarolinas.org.



Holding the check from left to right are Inter-Faith Food Shuttle President and CEO Ron Pringle, SECU Foundation Executive Director Jama Campbell, SECU Foundation Board Chair Mona Moon, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina CEO Amy Beros, Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina Food Bank Director David Griffin, and Feeding the Carolinas Interim Executive Director Fawn Pattison.

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About SECU and SECU Foundation

As a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members and federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), SECU has been providing employees of the state of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 88 years. SECU is the second largest credit union in the United States with \$58 billion in assets. It serves more than 2.9 million members through 275 branch offices, 1,100 ATMs, Member Services Support via phone, www.ncsecu.org, and the SECU Mobile App. 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 nearly \$340 million for initiatives to benefit North Carolinians statewide.