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The Wawa Foundation Emergency Food Distribution Fund Exceeds \$100,000 Contribution Mark
New Grants ranging from \$500 - \$10,000 distributed to local organizations responding to COVID-19

Wawa, PA (Tuesday, March 31) – The Wawa Foundation today announced contributions to thirteen new recipients who requested support to relieve hunger in our community. A combined total of \$33,500 has been awarded to the following organizations with these allocations:

Food Bank Recipients:

- **\$10,000** awarded to **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Inc.** to support Mobile Food Drops that provide fresh produce, refrigerated, frozen and nonperishable food to Central Florida.
- **\$5,000** provided to **Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley Inc.** to purchase food and household items for pantry-hubs for families to pick up enough food for up to two weeks and operate Free Friday programs on Saturdays to allow pantries to come and take as much free food as needed.
- **\$2,500** issued to **Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida, Inc.** to provide lower income senior communities with hot, prepared meals from some of the finest restaurants in Jacksonville.
- **\$1,000** given to **All Faiths Food Bank** to purchase dry goods, frozen meat and produce for drive-thru pick up locations for individuals of all ages to put in their vehicles and bring home for families.
- **\$1,000** granted to **Greater Berks Food Bank** enabling food purchases in the Reading, PA area.

Local Food Agencies and Nonprofits:

- **\$5,000** distributed to **The Salvation Army** to support "Corps at the Door," approach of providing food items in boxes or bags that clients can pick up outside of the facilities and purchase non-perishable bulk food to keep emergency food pantries full.
- **\$4,000** issued to **Atlantic City Rescue Mission** to contribute towards serving 800 dining hall meals daily and distributing food baskets to 1,575 families in need, which has doubled the regular volume since the COVID-19 impact in Atlantic County.
- **\$2,500** given to **Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia** to support emergency meals to meet the basic nutritional needs of Philadelphia's youth who rely on meals received at schools at the Club.
- **\$500** provided to **East Pasco Meals on Wheels, Inc.** to provide supportive resources for 10 food banks and increase meal delivery services to senior and veteran communities.
- **\$500** issued to **Olivet Boys & Girls Club of Reading and Berks County** to support its partnership with Reading School District, Reading Rec, Centro Hispano and Helping Harvest Food Bank to provide bagged grab and go lunches and family boxes to over 1,200 youth and families per day.
- **\$500** awarded to **The Hope Organization** to provide purchase food for the pantry.
- **\$500** issued to **United Food Bank and Services of Plant City, Inc.** to provide food to assist with the anticipated increased demand of approximately 3,000 more people needing services this year.
- **\$500** granted to **Lake Wales Care Center** to cover the costs of Meals on Wheels food, which is critical in providing a hot, well-balanced meal throughout Lake Wales, Dundee and Indian Lake Estate areas.



Since the fund's establishment on Friday, March 20, The Wawa Foundation has contributed \$119,500 to 27 organizations to date, including these previously announced recipients:

Organization	Grant Amount
Philabundance	\$15,000.00
Food Bank of Delaware	\$10,000.00
Community Food Bank of New Jersey	\$10,000.00
Food Bank of South Jersey, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Maryland Food Bank	\$10,000.00
Federation for Virginia Food Banks	\$10,000.00
The Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Feeding South Florida	\$5,000.00
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida	\$2,500.00
Capital Area Food Bank	\$2,500.00
Mercer Street Friends Center	\$1,000.00
Chapters Health Foundation Inc.	\$1,000.00
Angels Community Outreach	\$1,000.00
Eglise Evangelique De La Renaissance	\$500.00

"We are beyond grateful to have such wonderful community partners like Wawa to allow us to reach more youth and families for as long as needed through this. Thank you for all that the Wawa team is doing to help non-profits and food pantries all across our areas to better help us fight and beat this pandemic! said Alec Reinert, Program Director, Olivet Boys & Girls Club of Reading and Berks County"

The Wawa Foundation has earmarked additional funds for more food banks or qualified 501(c)3 non-profit organizations that are providing services to local communities to support food distribution efforts in Wawa's service areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Washington, D.C., to apply and encourages requests for support to be submitted immediately while funds remain.

Interested non-profit organizations can apply at www.thewawafoundation.org by clicking "Apply for Support" on the homepage. Then, click "Begin the Submission Process" and select "Financial Support." Finally, non-profits should include in their program ask that it is to support COVID19 Emergency Food Distribution Fund. The Wawa Foundation is currently accepting applications until funds are completely distributed.

The Wawa Foundation team will be reviewing requests quickly with approvals being communicated either through a call or via email. Submitting an application does not guarantee funding.

The Wawa Foundation is committed to building and maintaining strong relationships with local communities and national partners, especially in times of need. Interested non-profit organization can contact public.relations@wawa.com with any questions.

About The Wawa Foundation

The Wawa Foundation is an extension of Wawa's commitment to making the world a better place by fulfilling customers' lives every day. The Wawa Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation founded by Wawa, Inc. to support the company's charitable giving and philanthropic activities – and ultimately to help build happier, stronger communities. The Wawa Foundation focuses its support on organizations committed to health, hunger and everyday heroes through local, state and national grants and in-kind donations. Since 2014, Wawa and The Wawa Foundation have donated more than \$81 million to causes supporting health, hunger and the heroes who serve our communities every day.