

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# **Dominion Energy donates \$75,000 to Feeding the Carolinas**

**CLEMMONS, N.C.** (April 7, 2020) – Feeding the Carolinas announced a \$75,000 contribution today from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation to support a network of local food banks across the company's North Carolina footprint that provide vital hunger relief for individuals and families affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are thankful for the leadership and financial gift by Dominion Energy," said Feeding the Carolinas Executive Director Mike Darrow. "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."

### Benefiting food banks include:

- Second Harvest of Metrolina Charlotte area
- Inter-Faith Food Shuttle Triangle area
- Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC Triangle area and eastern, N.C.
- Food Bank of the Albemarle Elizabeth City and northeast, N.C.
- Second Harvest of NorthWest NC Triad area and northwest N.C.
- MANNA Food Bank Asheville and western N.C.

"We know that many in our state are going through a difficult time," said Shaun Randall, vice president of operations for Dominion Energy North Carolina's natural gas business. "Standing alongside Feeding the Carolinas, their partner organizations and ultimately, those experiencing hunger is one way we're supporting the communities we serve. We're in this together."

"We're incredibly thankful for the dedication of Dominion Energy to our COVID-19 relief efforts," said President & CEO of the Food Bank, Peter Werbicki. "These funds help us stay nimble and responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable people we serve."

The contribution is part of the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation's \$1 million to support national and local organizations where the company serves. Dominion Energy has also suspended service disconnections for nonpayment and late payment fees.

As COVID19 becomes more pervasive in our communities, resulting in a need to purchase additional food and/or provide food to more people due to disruptions in their work and income, you can help make sure Feeding the Carolinas can help. To give to Feeding the Carolinas to

support partner food banks, <u>give here</u>. Those wanting to volunteer or learn how they can support those in need in their communities, can learn more <u>here</u>.

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#### **About Feeding the Carolinas**

Feeding the Carolinas is a strategic alliance of the food banks in North and South Carolina who also belong to Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief charity. Feeding the Carolinas is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization. Feeding the Carolinas is Carolina's only statewide hunger relief organization that continuously services all 100 counties. Our community-supported member food banks are private, non-governmental organizations, located in every corner of the state. <a href="https://www.feedingthecarolinas.org">www.feedingthecarolinas.org</a>

## **About the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation**

More than 7 million customers in 18 states energize their homes and businesses with electricity and natural gas from Dominion Energy (NYSE: D). Through its **Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation**, as well as **EnergyShare** and other programs, Dominion Energy contributed nearly \$48 million in 2019 to community causes. The Foundation supports nonprofit causes that meet basic human needs, protect the environment, promote education and encourage community vitality. Please visit **www.DominionEnergy.com** to learn more.

#### About the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that has provided food for people at risk of hunger in 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina for more than 35 years. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 900 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through warehouses in Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, the Sandhills (Southern Pines), and Wilmington. In fiscal year 2018-2019, the Food Bank distributed over 80 million pounds of food (over half of which was perishable) and non-food essentials through these agencies. Sadly, hunger remains a serious problem in central and eastern North Carolina. In these counties, nearly 600,000 people struggle to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for an active and healthy life. foodbankcenc.org.

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