A LETTER FROM OUR CEO
L. RON PRINGLE

Dear Friends,

Over the summer, we took stock of our momentum in preventing food waste. We continued the new initiative to equip our partner agencies for food donation pickups and recruit more local grocers to donate food that reflects the cultures of those we serve. We also had a wonderful opportunity to share our food recovery expertise with visitors from the Department of Environmental Quality.

We received a fantastic response from this community to our “Back to School” campaign. Thanks to donors like you, we were ready to provide for children and families as school doors opened this fall. The nutritious food your support affords ensures students can focus on learning in the classroom.

We are grateful to have you – our donors, volunteers, partners, and neighbors – alongside us as we address chronic food insecurity. If you are receiving this Quarterly Report for the first time, welcome! Please accept our deepest thanks. The stories and highlights within show how your investments are helping us identify the barriers to food access across our service area, and respond to the challenges our communities are facing.

Yours in Service,

L. Ron Pringle
President and CEO
During August, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle highlighted the issue of child hunger in our community. As part of Back-to-School week on “My Carolina,” which airs community partners to discuss the impact of BackPack Buddies, School Pantries, “Cooking Matters,” insecurity among school children. Jason Beyer, of Chiesi USA, was also featured to discuss their ongoing support of Food Shuttle Child Hunger Programs, as well as our $25,000 Back-to-School Match Challenge, which was generously funded by Chiesi.
The partnerships highlighted below show the breadth and depth by which our community partners with us to envision a hunger free community. Thank you for the part you play in this critical mission.

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

The American Heart Association and UNC Health are supporting the Food Shuttle and our partners by providing refrigeration and other essentials to improve food distribution with a gift of $20,000. UNC Health is excited about the partnership and will continue to support our community through volunteering this fall.

Videri Chocolate Factory selected Inter-Faith Food Shuttle’s Backpack Buddies program to support during their August round-up campaign. They raised $793.56 at the register and matched the gift with an additional $500, resulting in a $1,293.56 donation from Videri!

The congregation at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church focuses on food insecurity in order to make a significant impact on their neighbors. To that end, they made a generous gift of $25,000 to the Food Shuttle—our missions aligning to create a hunger free community.

In August, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC provided $55,000 to fuel the expansion of our Grocery Bags for Seniors programming in Nash and Edgecombe counties. This program provides monthly deliveries of healthy dry goods, produce and recipes tailored to their most common health challenges facing seniors. This generous support will allow us to build towards our overall goal to increase from 1,600 to 2,200 seniors served monthly by the end of this year.

It was all hands on deck at the Citrix in-house packing event. Kurt Heusner, the Food Shuttle’s Board Chair and Senior Vice President of Global Emerging Sales at Citrix joined his team mates to fill 1,000 Emergency Food Boxes with shelf-stable items. These Food Boxes were distributed to families in need through Mobile Markets in Chatham and Durham counties.

Ten-year-old Annabel Hill has a passion for baking – and helping others. She raised $400 for the Food Shuttle’s BackPack Buddies program, which was then doubled to $800 since she donated during our Back-to-School Match Challenge. We are honored and inspired by her efforts to create a hunger free community!
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