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The Wawa Foundation Announces Distribution of \$1.5 Million in *Fly Beyond*® Key Issue Grants to 33 Food Banks to Fight Hunger and Inspire Goodness with Food

Wawa, Pa. (May 22, 2025) The Wawa Foundation today announced it has awarded 33 *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grants aimed at providing youth with increased access to more nutritious meal and snack options through school or community-based programs. *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grants typically range between \$5,000 and \$250,000 and have been awarded to qualified partners with new or existing programs that are aligned with this goal. This year in total, The Wawa Foundation is awarding \$1.5 million in *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grants to these food bank partners.

Nonprofit community partners, who are part of the Feeding America food bank network, and current or future Check-Out Hunger food bank partners of The Wawa Foundation were invited to apply for *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grants earlier this year. The Wawa Foundation reviewed proposals and awarded grants based on *Fly Beyond* criteria and goals, program reach and impact, and the size of the Wawa market served.

“The *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grant initiative reflects our continuing effort to fight food insecurity, particularly among youth in our communities, by ensuring consistent access to healthy and nutritious foods,” said Liz Simeone, President of The Wawa Foundation. “This year, we’re proud to support more food banks than ever before as we remain committed to building strong relationships with communities in Wawa’s existing and new markets, such as the Midwest. Through these partnerships, we aim to help more youth thrive through better nutrition.”

This year’s *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grant recipients support communities in 12 states -- Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

In 2024, *Fly Beyond* Key Issue Grant recipients went on to serve than 7 million meals across their communities.

About Wawa and The Wawa Foundation *Fly Beyond* Programs

Launched in 2023 with initial partner Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, *Fly Beyond* programs are supported by Wawa and The Wawa Foundation with the goal of fighting food insecurity at the community level. They are designed to inspire goodness and increase access to fresh, nutritious food and healthy meals for youth through Wawa’s Feeding America food bank partners. *Fly Beyond* connects all programs focused on this core issue to enable measurements, foster communication and drive solutions.

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, regional and national grants and in-kind donations. Since 2014, Wawa and The Wawa Foundation have donated more than \$182 million to causes supporting health, hunger and the heroes who serve our communities every day.

A list of food bank partners receiving *Fly Beyond* funds is attached.



Food bank partner	City	State	Grant Amount
All Faiths Food Bank, Inc	Sarasota	FL	\$10,000
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	Savannah	GA	\$10,000
America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Inc.	Tallahassee	FL	\$10,000
Capital Area Food Bank	Washington	DC	\$25,000
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank	Harrisburg	PA	\$10,000
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley Inc	Nazareth	PA	\$25,000
Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Inc.	Hillside	NJ	\$115,000
Dare to Care, Inc.	Louisville	KY	\$10,000
Feed More, Inc	Richmond	VA	\$35,000
Feeding America Tampa Bay, Inc.	Tampa	FL	\$75,000
Feeding South Florida	Pembroke Park	FL	\$50,000
Feeding Southwest Virginia	Salem	VA	\$5,000
Feeding the Gulf Coast	Theodore	AL	\$10,000
Foodbank of Southeastern VA and Eastern Shore	Norfolk	VA	\$20,000
Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina	Raleigh	NC	\$10,000
Food Bank of Delaware, Inc.	Newark	DE	\$50,000
Food Bank Of South Jersey Inc	Pennsauken	NJ	\$100,000
Food Bank of the Albemarle	Elizabeth City	NC	\$5,000
Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank	Fredericksburg	VA	\$15,000
Freestore Foodbank, Inc.	Cincinnati	OH	\$10,000
Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana	Indianapolis	IN	\$10,000
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Inc.	Fort Myers	FL	\$15,000
Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank	Reading	PA	\$15,000
Maryland Food Bank, Inc.	Baltimore	MD	\$50,000
Philabundance	Philadelphia	PA	\$200,000
Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida Inc	Jacksonville	FL	\$30,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Inc.	Orlando	FL	\$525,000
The Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties, Inc.	Neptune	NJ	\$60,000
Treasure Coast Food Bank Inc.	Fort Pierce	FL	\$10,000
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank	Verona	VA	\$10,000
God's Pantry Food Bank	Lexington	KY	\$10,000
The Foodbank, Inc.	Dayton	OH	\$10,000
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana	Muncie	IN	\$5,000