



## **HMSHost Foundation Awards \$15,000 Grant to Feeding Tampa Bay to Expand Community Market Program**

*Funds Were Raised through Donations to the Foundation Made by Passengers Traveling to and through Tampa International Airport*

**BETHESDA, Maryland (Aug. 29, 2023)** – [HMSHost Foundation](#) announced today that it has awarded a \$15,000 grant to [Feeding Tampa Bay](#), a member of the [Feeding America](#) network of food banks, to support the growth of its community market program in Hillsborough County, Florida, which increases access to nutritious food for a diverse population of individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Funds were raised through the consistent donations of travelers visiting Tampa International Airport (TPA), who deposited change into canisters at quick-service restaurants operated by global restaurateur [HMSHost](#) or rounded up their bill to the next dollar and more when dining at HMSHost's full-service restaurants. The Foundation introduced its "Round Up for Charity" program at TPA earlier this year.

"HMSHost Foundation is grateful to the thousands of passengers who generously donated during their travels, so we could have the opportunity to give back to the Tampa Bay community," said HMSHost Foundation Director Jordan Silverman. "We're humbled to support Feeding Tampa Bay's community markets to help reduce food insecurity, while empowering residents in need to make food choices that best meet their specific dietary and cultural needs — all free of charge."

"We are incredibly thankful to HMSHost Foundation for its support of Feeding Tampa Bay," said Thomas Mantz, President and CEO, Feeding Tampa Bay "It's combined efforts like this that we are able to implement important programs like the Community Market in order to lift our community toward better health and stability."

"HMSHost has been a longtime concessions partner at TPA, serving our guests with the highest level of service and food options as a valued member of our Airport family," TPA Vice President of Concessions & Commercial Parking Laurie Noyes said. "We're thankful for the organization's efforts, as well as the generosity of our passengers, in supporting Feeding Tampa Bay and strengthening our surrounding communities."

Since it was established, HMSHost Foundation has awarded more than \$2.8 million to more than 100 nonprofits partnering in its mission to fight and prevent poverty. HMSHost Foundation has continued to fund mission-aligned organizations that are caring for the homeless, educating children, coaching unemployed adults, providing homes for veterans, and supplying food banks.

### **About HMSHost Foundation**

HMSHost Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. HMSHost Foundation focuses on combating the cycle of poverty at the local level. Charitable work carried out by HMSHost Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- Relieve hunger and promote nutritional wellness through food-related initiatives;
- Combat homelessness through access to safe housing, furnishings, clothing, and stable employment;

- Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;
- Provide opportunity for financial stability through hospitality industry training and placement;
- Honor our veterans and their families by supporting programs that meet their needs for food, shelter, medical care, and job training and placement.

Visit [HMSHostFoundation.org](https://HMSHostFoundation.org) for more information.

### **About Feeding Tampa Bay**

As one of the nation's top hunger relief organizations, Feeding Tampa Bay is ending hunger by fueling human potential in every family, child and senior across our 10-county region. By leveraging the daily connection around a meal, the organization is evolving its partnerships, programs and services with a goal to break down barriers and create long-term health and capability in the lives of the individuals it serves. Feeding Tampa Bay has continuously evolved its services, doubling its reach to serve nearly 1 million people in our community, and anticipates it will serve more than 85 million meals this year. Feeding Tampa Bay and its community stand together to lift our neighbors, because food makes tomorrow possible.

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