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# **NEWS RELEASE**



# Avolta's Journey For Good Foundation Celebrates Record-Breaking Grant Cycle, Awarding Nearly USD 1 Million to Charities Fighting Poverty Across North America

501(c)(3) charity awards USD 950,000 to 39 organizations, bringing total giving to nearly USD 1.5 million in 2024

Avolta's <u>Journey For Good Foundation</u>, a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to fighting poverty through food, shelter, education, and workforce development, has announced the completion of a record-breaking grant cycle, awarding USD 950,000 to 39 charitable organizations across North America. This is nearly double the largest grant cycle in the Foundation's history and brings its total giving in 2024 to nearly USD 1.5 million in grants benefitting 65 charities in over 40 communities across the U.S. and Canada.

In July, Journey For Good Foundation announced its <u>inaugural grant cycle</u>, awarding USD 500,000 to 26 charitable organizations.

"We are tremendously proud to increase our impact so significantly since Journey For Good Foundation's formation just seven months ago, allowing us to support a wider range of initiatives addressing the root causes of poverty," said Journey For Good Foundation President Paul Mamalian. "This milestone demonstrates the incredible commitment of <u>Avolta</u> team members and partners across North America, who work tirelessly to uplift their communities through sustainable practices, volunteerism, and charitable giving. It is exciting to witness how the collaborative efforts of HMSHost, Hudson, and Dufry have truly amplified our reach and effectiveness."

The Foundation focuses on funding sustainable and scalable community-led solutions, working in collaboration with local agencies and organizations already making a difference. Journey For Good Foundation aims to:

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.

Donations to power these grants came from passengers shopping at dining venues, travel convenience, specialty retail, and duty-free stores operated by Avolta brands HMSHost, Hudson, and Dufry in the U.S. and Canada. Travelers can voluntarily round up their purchases to the nearest dollar at participating locations, contributing their change to the fight against poverty.

"We are deeply grateful to the tens of thousands of travelers who have shown their support by donating this year. Their generosity helps to transform the lives of individuals and families mired in the vicious cycle of poverty, providing them with essential resources and opportunities," said Jordan Silverman, Director of Journey For Good Foundation. "We are proud to be able to make a positive impact through travel retail and travel food and beverage and further create connections with the communities we serve."

Previously known as the HMSHost Foundation, Journey For Good Foundation continues to honor its legacy by funding mission-aligned organizations that provide food and shelter for the homeless, educate children, train unemployed adults, and support veterans and their families.

Below is a list of organizations included in this record-breaking giving cycle:

Atlanta Mission Atlanta, GA

Back 2 School America Chicago, IL

Be A Leader Foundation Phoenix, AZ

Bean's Café Anchorage, AK

Black Girls Cook Baltimore, MD

ClimbHI Honolulu, HI

Covenant House Vancouver Vancouver, B.C.

Dog Tag Washington, D.C.

Eat Well Exchange Miami, FL

EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute Cleveland, OH

Emma's Torch Brooklyn, NY

Feeding South Florida Pembroke Park, FL

Food Banks Mississauga Mississauga, ON

Grace Klein Community Birmingham, AL

Grace-Mar Charlotte, NC



Greater Birmingham Ministries Birmingham, AL

Healthy New Albany Food Pantry

New Albany, OH

Highline Schools Foundation Burien, WA

Horizons Greater Washington Washington, D.C.

Jonathan's Place Dallas, TX

Kid Pack, Inc. Polk County, FL

Loaves & Fishes Too Minneapolis, MN

Move For Hunger Neptune, NJ

New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter New Orleans, LA

Oak City Cares Raleigh, NC

SD Gunner Fund Richmond Hill, GA

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida Orlando, FL

Sisters of Watts Los Angeles, CA

Skills for Chicagoland's Future Chicago, IL

Springs Rescue Mission Colorado Springs, CO

Step Up Women's Network Dallas, TX

The HOPE Program New York, NY

The Store Nashville, TN

Together We Bake Alexandria, VA

United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS Houston) Houston, TX

United Way of Southern Nevada Las Vegas, NV

USA Cares, Inc. Louisville, KY

Your Harvest House Burleson, TX

Youth Guidance Chicago, IL

# **About Journey For Good Foundation**

Journey For Good Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. Prior to 2024, Journey For Good Foundation, Inc. operated as HMSHost Foundation, Inc. Journey For Good Foundation is a charitable arm of Avolta in North America and was established to unite and build upon HMSHost Foundation, Hudson, and Dufry's charitable giving efforts. Charitable work carried out by Journey For Good Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

Relieve hunger and promote nutritional wellness through food related initiatives;



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Visit <u>journeyforgood.org</u> for more information.



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# **About Avolta**

Avolta AG, (SIX: AVOL) is a leading global travel experience player. With the traveler at its strategic core, Avolta maximizes every moment of the traveler's journey through its combination of travel retail and travel food & beverage, passion for innovation and excellent execution. Avolta's well-diversified business across geographical, channel and brand portfolio pillars operates in 73 countries and more than 1,000 locations, with over 5,100 points of sale across three segments – duty-free, food & beverage and convenience – and various channels, including airports, motorways, cruises ferries, railways, border shops and downtown. An inherent element of Avolta's business strategy is found in ESG, aiming for sustainable and profitable growth of the company while fostering high standards of environmental stewardship and social equity – making meaningful impact in the local communities. The company's access to 2.3 billion passengers each year reinforces the power of its more than 76,000 people, committed to surprising guests and delivering solid execution, supporting the company in creating value for all stakeholders.

To learn more about Avolta, please visit avoltaworld.com