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November 11th, 2021

Mayor Skip Henderson
Columbus Consolidated Government
100 10th Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901

Mayor Henderson,

Feeding the Valley Food Bank (FTV) understands that the CDBG-CV grant opportunity being offered through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has a Continuance of Use clause. This requires the future property in question at 6744 Flat Rock Rd, Midland, GA 31820 to be used as a food bank for the "foreseeable future," a period of at least ten (10) years, as well as ensuring ongoing operations, and maintenance.

FTV has purchased land here with intent to build a facility to be the permanent expansion of FTV Columbus. Its size, at 24,000 square feet is all the capacity needed to fully serve the Muscogee County community and the 13 counties of Russell, Troup, Meriwether, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee, Schley, Quitman, Clay, Randolph, Stewart, Webster, and Marion.

This facility provides food assistance in the form of several programs:

Agency Distribution - A network of 240 partner agencies, typically churches and other nonprofit organizations acquire food from FTV to distribute at their facility or in their local neighborhood.

Mobile Pantry - Volunteers pack boxes of food commodities to take to ten different sites each month to distribute to families in need who do not have the resources to get to a partner agency. Each family receives 60 pounds of food to include frozen lean meats, fresh produce, boxed/canned goods and dairy items.

Kids Cafe - Our children's feeding program provides daily meals at sites throughout the area.

Weekend Backpack Program - This program, titled "BuddyPack" provides chronically hungry children with a pack often kid-friendly but nutritious items to take home each Friday to have nutritional sustenance over the weekend.

FTV's Midland site is open the following hours:

Monday through Thursday- 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Distributions done in the community or closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Sheppard", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Frank Sheppard
President & CEO
Feeding the Valley



Serving Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Dougherty, Harris, Lee, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Talbot, Terrell, Troup and Webster Counties in Georgia and Russell County in Alabama