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Community Food Bank of Central Alabama Celebrates Thousands of Volunteers Across Central Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – April 18, 2023 — <u>The Community Food Bank of Central</u> <u>Alabama</u> (CFB) celebrates National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 22-26.

The observance honors the over 9,000 volunteers who packed food boxes, sorted food, and distributed food to our neighbors facing hunger across central Alabama in 2023, as well as the over 2,000 volunteers who have contributed their time in 2024.

"Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization," said Nicole Williams, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama. "The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama is honored to recognize our volunteers' collective effort to ensure our neighbors across central Alabama have access to nutritious food." The week of celebration will include a photo booth for volunteers, a volunteer awards celebration, the unveiling of our volunteer wall of fame, and sweet treats for volunteers. Volunteers must register for a shift during National Volunteer Appreciation Week to participate.

Individuals and groups, ages nine and up, are invited to see how food goes from donation to delivery by helping us sort and inspect donated food items, prepare the sorted product for our agency partners, and assemble food boxes for distribution! Volunteer shifts are available from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. To find out how you can volunteer at CFB, visit <u>feedingal.org/volunteer</u>.

About the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama

The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama's mission is to feed people in need today and foster collaborative solutions to end hunger tomorrow. Its mission is accomplished by supplying over 21.1 million meals a year to over 220 food pantries, shelters, and children's programs in 12 counties across central Alabama (Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Walker, and Winston Counties). More information is available at <u>www.feedingAL.org</u>.