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**HUNGER FIGHT Awarded Grant to Fight Childhood Hunger  
And Illiteracy from Publix Super Markets Charities**

**JACKSONVILLE, FL** – HUNGER FIGHT, Inc. recently announced receipt of a grant from Publix Super Markets Charities in support of our “Food for their Bellies; Books for their Brains” programs which provide weekend nutrition to elementary-aged children and books to preschool children.

Thanks to Publix Super Markets Charities, Hunger Fight’s *Feed the Backpack* program will provide a 4-serving meal pack each week for children who are fed at school during the week but may face an entire weekend with little food. In addition, Hunger Fight’s *Feed the Need to Read* literacy program, in collaboration with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, will provide age-appropriate books each month to children ages birth to 5.

“We are very grateful for the support of Publix Super Markets Charities,” said Sherri Porter, Founder and Executive Director of Hunger Fight. “To be recognized and supported for the work we do addressing the issues of hunger and illiteracy in our children by an organization so well-known in our communities inspires us to continue making a difference in the lives of the children we serve.”

The impact of this grant and the food and books they provide is significant. Studies show that children who do not get enough food to eat are sick more often, cannot concentrate or focus in school, and have more behavioral, emotional and academic problems. The books that will be provided address emergent literacy skills in children, better preparing them for academic success in school.

**About HUNGER FIGHT**

HUNGER FIGHT is a not-for-profit organization established in 2012. Its mission is to end hunger and illiteracy through the provision of nutritious meals and books to children, seniors and families by informing, engaging and mobilizing communities and partners. For more information about HUNGER FIGHT, visit [www.HungerFight.org](http://www.HungerFight.org).

**About Publix Super Markets Charities**

George Jenkins, founder of Publix Super Markets and affectionately known as “Mr. George,” believed in giving. From the day he opened his first Publix, he made sure his associates, customers and community were taken care of. In 1966, Mr. George established the Foundation with the vision it would continue giving long after he was gone. Publix Super Market Charities remains committed to serving the communities in which Publix operates. To learn more, visit [www.publixcharities.org](http://www.publixcharities.org).