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### **Forcht Bank Begins “Stick a Forcht in Hunger”**

**(Lexington, KY)** On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Forcht Bank will begin its annual “Stick a Forcht in Hunger” food drive. This is the fourth year the bank has held the food drive to collect non-perishable food items for local food banks. Last year, with the help of employees and customers, the food drive brought in 48,461 non-perishable food items, along with over \$5,000 in monetary donations, which were distributed in their respective communities.

According to Tamara Sandberg, Executive Director of Feeding Kentucky, in an interview with WKYT in May, there are still over 660,000 people still facing food insecurity in Kentucky. According to WKYT Knox County, in which Forcht Bank has several locations, has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state at above 20% of residents.

“Giving back to the communities we serve is part of Forcht Bank’s core values. Over the past few years we have been able to help give a warm meal to children and families who may not otherwise have it,” said Tucker Ballinger, President & CEO of Forcht Bank. “And that’s because of our amazing employees and customers. We truly have some great individuals who walk through our doors each and every day – and we thank them for their business and their donations to the community.”

The food drive will begin on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and go through December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Each of the 24 Forcht Bank banking centers will have a donation box to collect the non-perishable food items during this time. During the six-week period, Forcht Bank will donate \$10 for every checking account opened.

Forcht Bank is a Kentucky-owned community bank with approximately \$1.2 billion in assets and 24 banking centers in 13 counties - Fayette, Jefferson, Boone, Grant, Madison, Taylor, Pulaski, Laurel, Whitley, Knox, McCreary and Green. [www.forchtbank.com](http://www.forchtbank.com)

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