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**Feeding America Southwest Virginia to benefit from
CenturyLink Campaign to Fight Hunger**

(SALEM, VA) JUNE 7, 2018 – Feeding America Southwest Virginia has been selected as a local beneficiary of the global **CenturyLink Campaign to Fight Hunger**, gaining the opportunity to earn additional donations plus matching dollars from [CenturyLink](#) (NYSE: CTL). Through the CenturyLink [Clarke M. Williams](#) Foundation, the global IT and communications services provider will match total donations to the campaign up to \$1 million.

The food drive will run June 4-15, and donations must be submitted through www.centurylink.com/fooddrive to be eligible for matching dollars. Individuals wishing to donate will be able to specify Feeding America Southwest Virginia as the recipient of their donation. The campaign website will close at 10 p.m. Central Time on the final day of the campaign.

CenturyLink has partnered with more than 140 food banks supporting communities where the company operates around the globe. Matching dollars will be allocated based on the amount of donations directed to each organization.

“CenturyLink understands that because of our purchasing power, we can have even more impact with monetary donations,” said Pamela Irvine, FASWVA president and CEO. “Every dollar donated to us helps provide six meals, so we’re very excited about this effort and our potential to earn matching dollars.”



“CenturyLink has [a long history](#) of giving back to communities through a variety of ongoing programs and initiatives, including annual food drives,” said Sondra Smith, CenturyLink director of corporate social responsibility. “We are proud to support Feeding America Southwest Virginia through the CenturyLink Campaign to Fight Hunger so they can help even more individuals and families in need.”

According to Feeding America, nearly 13 million children and more than 50 million seniors face hunger in the U.S. From a global perspective, Action Against Hunger says one in nine people worldwide do not get enough food to eat.

Over the past nine years, CenturyLink food drives, along with the matching dollars from the CenturyLink [Clarke M. Williams](#) Foundation, have contributed the equivalent of more than 56 million pounds of food to local food banks throughout the company’s U.S. service areas.

About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded locally in 1981 and proudly commemorates 37 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for Southwest Virginia's hungry. Approximately \$29.3 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 350 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. The local Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. Visit www.faswva.org for more information or like us on Facebook.

About CenturyLink

[CenturyLink](#) (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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