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CLARK COUNTY FOOD BANK RECEIVES \$5,000 DONATION FROM FRED MEYER TO COMBAT LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY

THE STORY: Fred Meyer stores in southwest Washington are working with the Clark County Food Bank to address hunger for some of the 148,000 individuals facing food uncertainty – many who are part of the ever-growing need to seek emergency food and services. This year – on opening day at the Clark County Fair – Fred Meyer continues its mission to 'feed the human spirit' by gifting \$5,000 to the food bank.

"We are incredibly grateful to Fred Meyer for its continued commitment to our mission to alleviate hunger and its root causes. With more than 25% of Clark County residents experiencing hunger, Clark County Food Bank relies on the generosity of our community to stand alongside our neighbors in times of need," said Rachel Beck, the Clark County Food Bank's Director of Development.

"At Fred Meyer, we believe in nourishing the communities we serve—not just with fresh and nutrient dense food, but also with meaningful partnerships," said **Tiffany Sanders, Corporate Affairs Manager at Fred Meyer**. "We're proud to support the Clark County Food Bank and their tireless work to ensure every family has access to the meals they need. Together, we're making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors."

"Throughout the Fair's 157-year history, we seek to better our county and our neighborhoods in southwest Washington, and to help the needs of our neighbors, wherever and however we can. We are always thrilled to help our key partners do the same," said **John Morrison, CEO and Clark County Fair Manager.**

WHEN: **Friday night, Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m.** The check presentation/ceremony precedes the 7 p.m. headliner concert featuring Brothers Osborne, the popular, progressive, classic country music duo.

WHERE/LOCATION: The Toyota Grandstand, Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 N.E. Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA.

WHO: Interview opportunities, photos, b-roll and video with: Tiffany Sanders, Fred Meyer Corporate Affairs Manager

Rachel Beck, Clark County Food Bank's Director of Development John Morrison, Clark County Fair CEO

The 2025 Clark County Fair runs **Aug. 1 – 10**. Please visit <u>www.clarkcofair.com</u> or download the 'Clark Co Fair' app for updates, schedules and activities (available at the Apple App Store or Google Play).

About Clark County Food Bank

Clark County Food Bank seeks to alleviate hunger and its root causes in Clark County, Washington by managing more than 10 million pounds of food each year, which is equivalent to 8.3 million meals for individuals and families in need. The food bank works with over 50 nonprofit partner agencies at 100+ distribution sites, along with food bank led programs, to serve neighbors facing food insecurity throughout Clark County. With more than 148,000 neighbors facing hunger in our community, the need is great. Find out how you can help our community by giving your time, food, or other resources.

About Fred Meyer Stores/The Kroger Co.

At The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR), we are dedicated to our Purpose: To Feed the Human Spirit™. We, across our family of companies including Fred Meyer, are more than 400,000 associates who serve over 11 million customers daily through an eCommerce experience and retail food stores under a variety of banner names, serving America through food inspiration and uplift, and creating #ZeroHungerZeroWaste communities. To learn more about us, visit our newsroom and investor relations site.

About the 2025 Clark County Fair

Celebrating its 157th year as the region's classic summer community event, the 2025 Clark County Fair, on **Aug. 1 - 10**, promises Your Party Center's sponsored signature concert series at the Toyota Grandstands, carnival rides, community stage entertainment, thrills, great eats, contests, family-friendly fun, educational exhibits, farm auction and shows, and award-winning home and textile showings.

In 2025, the Clark County Fair Association bestowed \$30,000 in academic scholarships to 18 deserving college-enrolled and post-grad students, bringing the total scholarships to 388 students earning \$660,000 over the past three decades.