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**Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue Victoria Proffitt Joins Virginia's Commissioners and Cans Food and Fund Drive**

**NORFOLK, VA | August 14, 2023** – The *Commissioners and Cans Food and Fund Drive*, an annual partnership between The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the Virginia Federation of Food Banks, spans statewide August 1st - 31st. During a period of the year when resources are scant for food banks, these offices engage in a friendly contest to collect the highest amount of funds and food. Now, in its fifth year, *Commissioners and Cans* is Virginia's only statewide food drive amongst local elected officials.

On Thursday, August 17th, from 1:00-4:00pm, Commissioner Victoria Proffitt of the Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue Office and her colleagues will be volunteering at the Young Terrace Community Center food distribution located at 804 Whitaker Ln. Norfolk, VA 23510. This partner agency is one of five Foodbank Food Hubs, representing a transformative approach to tackling food insecurity by not only providing essential nourishment but also addressing the underlying root causes that perpetuate hunger. Beyond distributing food, these hubs aim to empower individuals with holistic support, tackling issues like lack of access to higher education, employment, housing, healthcare, and financial literacy.

This marks the Chesapeake Commissioner's first participation in the *Commissioners and Cans* campaign as well as her inaugural involvement with the Foodbank. She will be joined by Foodbank President and CEO Chris Tan, who will also be present to support the cause.

**About the Foodbank**

For more than 40 years, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore has provided more than 380 million meals to those in our community who face hunger. Through our programs, facilities, and large network of community partners, we work to eliminate hunger daily. Our understanding of the need for a long-term solution has led to the creation of a refreshed strategic plan aimed at moving Hampton Roads closer to achieving the mission of eliminating hunger for those we serve—not only for the day, or for the week, but for a lifetime. For up-to-date information, visit [foodbankonline.org](http://foodbankonline.org) or follow us on social media.