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To the T-Mobile Hometown Grants Committee:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, I am honored to extend our strongest support for Treasure Coast Food Bank's application for a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant. This funding will directly support the construction of their new 132,000 square foot Food Distribution Center and Community Hub—an investment that will significantly strengthen our city's ability to meet the needs of our residents and build a more resilient, unified community.

Fort Pierce is a proud, historic coastal city with a population of just under 50,000. Our community is vibrant and diverse, and many families are navigating the challenges of low income, limited access to healthcare, and food insecurity. While our economic base includes agriculture, marine industries, and small businesses, the need for reliable social infrastructure remains extremely high.

The new Food Distribution Center represents more than a logistics facility—it is a bold step toward reimagining how our community comes together to serve one another. The structure will be a central hub where people facing hardship can find nourishment, opportunity, and dignity—and where those seeking to give back can offer their time, talent, and care. The Center's temperature-controlled Volunteer Center, expanded storage capacity, Nutrition and Wellness Outreach Center, and job training facilities will all converge in a single space designed to bring people together across lines of need, service, and shared humanity.

By fostering civic engagement and promoting community wellness, this project helps Fort Pierce address its most urgent challenges while creating new opportunities for collaboration and growth. We are particularly excited about how the Center will promote self-sufficiency through workforce development and empower residents through health education and accessible community space.

Treasure Coast Food Bank has been a lifeline for many in Fort Pierce over the past 35 years, and this new facility will allow them to deepen that impact. It will serve as a visible, tangible expression of what's possible when local institutions, volunteers, and partners unite to serve the greater good.

T-Mobile's Hometown Grants program is designed for initiatives exactly like this—projects rooted in purpose, built for impact, and led by those who know their community best. We urge you to approve this request and help us make this vision a reality in our small but united community.

The City of Fort Pierce is proud to stand with Treasure Coast Food Bank and remains committed to supporting this project now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson  
Mayor