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**Metro Atlanta Nonprofits Compete in Gas South's Charity Cornhole Challenge**  
*Atlanta Community Food Bank Wins \$10,000 Donation at SweetWater 420 Fest*

(Atlanta – April 25, 2016) – Thirteen metro Atlanta nonprofits participated in Gas South's fifth annual Charity Cornhole Challenge at [SweetWater 420 Fest](#) on Saturday, April 23 at Centennial Olympic Park. The Atlanta Community Food Bank won in the championship showdown against Georgia Jack Russell Rescue, Adoption & Sanctuary.

Gas South awarded the \$10,000 prize to the [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#), one of the largest hunger relief organizations in the Southeast. Each year, the nonprofit connects more than 750,000 people with over 60 million pounds of food – equating to more than 50 million meals. The \$10,000 will provide 40,000 meals to families in metro Atlanta and north Georgia.

In addition to the \$10,000 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Gas South also donated \$4,000 to Georgia Jack Russell Rescue for second place and \$2,000 to both United Way and The Giving Kitchen for third and fourth place, respectively. The money for the donation was raised at Gas South's Charity Shindig held at SweetWater Brewery last month as well as proceeds raised during 420 Fest through T-shirt and hat donations.

"The Charity Cornhole Challenge is one of my favorite events because it's a fun way to rally the community together for a good cause," said Chris Coan, Gas South vice president and general manager of business and government markets. "Gas South is an environmentally conscious company, and we're committed to making a local impact. Because of that, we look for opportunities to align our brand with like-minded organizations, which is why we continue to partner with SweetWater year over year."

Gas South is the presenting sponsor of Planet 420 at SweetWater 420 Fest, which helps fund projects such as planting trees, landfill methane recovery or renewable-energy projects. Through Gas South's annual cornhole sponsorship, Gas South has raised more than \$55,000 for local nonprofits.

"We are so grateful to be the recipients of the Cornhole Challenge," said Kyle Waide, president and CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. "The generous contribution

will help us feed our neighbors in need. Each year, we are able to distribute enough food to provide more than 50 million meals for the hungry. We couldn't do it without strong support from our community, including our partners at Gas South. We are already practicing to defend our title next year!"

In addition to the Charity Cornhole Challenge, Gas South remains committed to community service initiatives throughout the year. Through [Gas South Cares](#), employees have flexible schedules to participate in meaningful community engagement activities and events with partner organizations. This summer, the Gas South team will support Action Ministries' [Smart Lunch, Smart Kid](#) by packing healthy lunches for Georgia children.

### **About Gas South**

Gas South is a leading provider of natural gas, serving more than 290,000 residential, business and governmental customers throughout Georgia and Florida. Based in Atlanta, the company distinguishes itself by offering great everyday low rates, outstanding local customer service, and a dedication to give back to the communities it serves. Gas South is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cobb EMC, one of the country's largest electric cooperatives. For more information, visit [www.gas-south.com](http://www.gas-south.com).

### **About SweetWater 420 Festival**

SweetWater 420 Fest returns to Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, April 22-24, 2016 with 5 stages, made possible by the turntable main stage. These stages will host a long list of artists representing diverse music genres. Staying true to our roots, the 12th annual 420 Fest will provide patrons with varied lineup of alternative, rock, jam, hip hop, EDM and more. The SweetWater Experience will offer a unique variety of craft beer samplings, Planet 420 will offer eco-friendly tips and Earth Day celebration, The 420 Lyrics & Laughter Tent will keep you laughing and 420 Disco will keep the party going. For all details and to purchase tickets visit [www.sweetwater420festival.com](http://www.sweetwater420festival.com).

### **About Atlanta Community Food Bank**

The Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) began operating in 1979 from a small space at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. ACFB now distributes more than 60 million pounds of food and grocery products each year – or more than 50 million meals - from a 129,600 square-foot facility in N.W. Atlanta. The product is accessed by 600 partner nonprofits that provide food assistance to families and individuals in 29 counties across greater Atlanta and north Georgia. ACFB leads seven distinct projects that reinforce its mission to fight hunger by engaging, educating and empowering our community: Atlanta Prosperity Campaign, Atlanta's Table, Community Gardens, Hunger 101, Hunger Walk/Run, Kids In Need and Product Rescue Center.

ACFB is a member of Feeding America, the national network of more than 200 food banks. For more information on the Food Bank, visit [www.acfb.org](http://www.acfb.org), and for more information on Feeding America visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org).

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