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Community Affairs and Sustainability Team
Publix Super Markets, Inc.
3300 Publix Corporate Parkway

Lakeland, FL 33811

Subject: A Florida Partnership: Publix Community Values + Surplus Rescue with Full Legal Protection

Dear Publix Community Affairs and Sustainability Team,

As a Florida-based initiative, A Win for Humankind deeply respects Publix's employee-owned culture and commitment to Florida families. We ask to partner with you to expand your hunger-relief impact.

Peter Dimaira, grandson of Barney Welch ("Uncle Barney"), received a divine calling to create Won Tree — scaling Uncle Barney's model nationwide from one tree to many.

****Complete Legal Protection for Publix****

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, strengthened by the 2023 Food Donation Improvement Act, provides Publix with full civil and criminal liability protection for good-faith donations of safe surplus food.

We offer professional pickups and distribution through our growing network of donated refrigerated hubs every 250 miles — all on a prayer-and-providence foundation with 150+ unpaid volunteers.

We would be honored to launch a pilot with Publix stores in [Your Area/Region].

Thank you for all you do for our communities.

In service and gratitude,

[Your Full Name]
Volunteer / Letter Campaign Coordinator
A Win for Humankind

[Your Website] | [Phone] | [Email]

Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act Quick Fact Sheet

A Win for Humankind | Won Tree Initiative

Protecting Good-Faith Food Donations Since 1996

What the Law Does

The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (42 U.S.C. § 1791) was created by Congress to encourage businesses to donate safe surplus food instead of throwing it away. It was significantly strengthened in **January 2023** by the Food Donation Improvement Act.

Who Is Protected

- Retailers and grocery chains (Walmart, Kroger, Publix, Aldi, Target, Costco, etc.)
- Restaurants, farms, manufacturers
- Nonprofits like A Win for Humankind and The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor

What Is Protected

Full civil and criminal liability protection for donating “apparently wholesome food” — even if it is near expiration, has cosmetic imperfections, or is surplus stock — as long as it is donated in good faith.

2023 Updates (Food Donation Improvement Act)

- Expanded protection for nonprofits that distribute food at low or no cost
- Clarified protections for direct donations from retailers to people in need
- Made the law even stronger and clearer for companies

Key Quote from the Law

“A person or gleaner shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability arising from the nature, age, packaging, or condition of apparently wholesome food or an apparently fit grocery product that the person or gleaner donates in good faith.”

Important Reality

There have been **no major successful lawsuits** against companies that donate food in good faith under this Act.

Benefits for Retail Partners

- Zero liability risk when following the law
- Tax deductions for the fair market value of donated food
- Progress on sustainability goals (Project Gigaton, Zero Waste, ESG targets)

- Reduced landfill fees
- Powerful positive stories of feeding the hungry

A Win for Humankind Promise

We follow all food safety guidelines, use trained volunteers, and operate under prayer and divine providence — exactly as Uncle Barney and Mother Teresa modeled.

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Turning Waste into Wins for the Poorest of the Poor

A Win for Humankind – Inspired by Barney Welch & The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor