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### **Local Groups Help Loaves & Fishes Replace Fleet**

**Greenville, SC:** Thanks to the generosity of four Greenville based foundations, Loaves & Fishes has completed a Fleet Replacement Project, purchasing two new refrigerated trucks for use in Bringing the Hungry Fresh Food Daily.

Hollingsworth Funds, Inc., Greenville Women Giving, the Graham Foundation and the F.W. Symmes Foundation made substantial funding commitments to this project that plays a major role in delivering more than one million pounds of perishable food donations to feed the hungry throughout Greenville County annually.

Since 1991, Loaves & Fishes has picked up donations of perishable food from local restaurants, caterers, corporations, institutions, churches, grocery stores, wholesalers and distributors. Donated food is delivered the same day to more than 95 area programs that use that food to feed the hungry. Programs include emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and breakfast programs, shelters and group homes, community centers, senior programs, afterschool and summer programs for at risk kids, low income housing for elderly and disabled people and support programs for many groups offered throughout the community.

More than 75 regular volunteers pick up and deliver almost half the food that is donated, but the larger and more food safety sensitive donations, especially those from wholesalers and distributors, must be handled by refrigerated trucks capable of moving several pallets of food at one time.

"We are particularly grateful to have received this critical funding from these four local foundations that recognize the important role Loaves & Fishes plays in fighting hunger in our community," stated Susan Douglas, Executive Director, Loaves & Fishes.

Loaves & Fishes website – [www.loavesandfishesgreenville.org](http://www.loavesandfishesgreenville.org)

Hollingsworth Fund, Inc. - <http://hollingsworthfunds.org/>

Greenville Women Giving - <http://www.cfgg.com/page32423.cfm>

The Graham Foundation - <http://www.thegrahamfoundation.org/>

F.W. Symmes Foundation – no website

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