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## ***James M. Cox Foundation Donates \$25,000 to Feeding the Gulf Coast***

*Aid from Cox to support local families with food during COVID-19 pandemic*

**Pensacola** – Cox Communications and Cox Automotive are working together to help feed families in Northwest Florida through Feeding the Gulf Coast with a \$25,000 donation from The James M. Cox Foundation. The grant will support local families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The pandemic has caused economic strain for so many in our community, and we’ve been impressed with how our local food banks are taking care of the most vulnerable among us,” said David Deliman, market vice president for the Cox Gulf Coast market. “We are proud to support the food bank in their mission to ensure none of our friends and neighbors in Northwest Florida go without food.”

“Since March 13, Feeding the Gulf Coast has provided more than 5.7 million meals to our communities as we continue to serve during this time of increased need due to COVID-19,” said Cyndy Baggett, Vice President of Development and Marketing of Feeding the Gulf Coast. “For every dollar, Feeding the Gulf Coast can provide five meals to those experiencing food insecurity along the Central Gulf Coast. We are so grateful to receive \$25,000 which will help us provide 125,000 meals to those in need.”

The James M. Cox Foundation is the charitable arm of Cox Enterprises, the parent company of Cox Communications and Cox Automotive. In response to the growing strain on feeding the community, the foundation announced a \$25,000 donation to support people in need where Cox employees live and work.

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dedicated to empowering others to build a better future and celebrate diverse products, people, suppliers, communities and the characteristics that makes each one unique. Cox Communications is the largest division of Cox Enterprises, a family-owned business founded in 1898 by Governor James M. Cox.

### **About the James M. Cox Foundation**

The James M. Cox Foundation is named in honor of Cox Enterprises' founder and provides funding for capital campaigns and special projects in communities where the company operates. James M. Cox was Ohio's first three-term governor and the 1920 Democratic nominee for president of the United States. The Foundation concentrates its community support in several areas including: conservation and environment; early childhood education; empowering families and individuals for success; and health.

### **About Feeding the Gulf Coast**

Feeding the Gulf Coast, formerly Bay Area Food Bank, serves a 24-county area spanning the Florida panhandle, south Alabama, and south Mississippi. In 2019, the food bank distributed over 24 million meals to over 400 church pantries, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit organizations throughout its service area. The food bank also operates multiple hunger-relief and nutrition programs, including Summer Meals, Afterschool Meal, Backpack, Disaster Relief, Mobile Pantry and Produce Drop Distributions and Nutrition Education. Feeding the Gulf Coast is a United Way member agency and a member of Feeding America. For more information, visit [www.feedingthegulfcoast.org](http://www.feedingthegulfcoast.org).

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