



## **FIS & Peoples Bank Foundation Lead the Way to Support Freestore Foodbank's First Virtual Walk for Hunger**

***The donation of \$37,500 will go towards helping those in need facing hunger.***

CINCINNATI, OH May 18, 2020 – FIS & Peoples Bank Foundation became the lead donation to launch the Freestore Foodbank Virtual Hunger Walk. The \$25,000 donation from FIS and the \$12,500 donation from the Peoples Bank Foundation will go towards matching community support to help feed families across the tristate. The Virtual Hunger Walk will be held May 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the first Virtual Walk/Run in the history of the event – a necessary adaptation to accommodate social distancing requirements.

This matching donation will help in providing nearly 225,000 meals for families through the Freestore Foodbank, the largest emergency food and services provider in the tristate that serves Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana. Freestore Foodbank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger relief organization. The food bank services 20 counties across the Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Area.

“This donation comes at a critical time, as food insecurity continues to affect the communities we serve,” said Trisha Rayner, VP of External Affairs at the Freestore Foodbank. “We are grateful for our long-standing partnership with Peoples Bank and FIS who have been connected with us through giving and volunteering on a regular basis for many years. Both of these organizations have stepped up to support the community to ensure no one goes hungry.”

FIS is a global organization that employs approximately 1,500 at its Symmes Township location. The company serves as the world's largest payment processor and provider of critical infrastructure for merchants, banks and capital markets. FIS is also a leading processing partner for government assistance and food benefits in the U.S.

“Helping families in need is extremely important to us, especially in Greater Cincinnati as we have a lot of employees who call this area home,” said Stephanie Ferris, Chief Operating Officer at FIS. “We want to encourage other local businesses to participate in Freestore Foodbank's Virtual Hunger Walk. It is times like this that our community needs to come together to help each other. Further, we are grateful to Peoples Bank in their support to make our contribution even more meaningful.”

Peoples Bank, headquartered in Marietta, Ohio, has 18 bank branches, a mortgage office and an insurance office located within the 20 counties served by Freestore Foodbank. The tristate is an important region to the growing bank, which recently helped hundreds of tristate businesses with SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans.

“In these difficult times, Peoples Bank is doing everything it can to help clients, employees and communities. We are proud to partner with FIS to support Freestore Foodbank as we know the ill effects that food insecurity can have on individuals and families in our communities,” said Jason Phipps, Executive Vice President and West Region President of Peoples Bank. “This event is not about a walk or t-shirts. It is about helping our neighbors in need, now more than ever.”

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### **About Peoples Bank Foundation, Inc.**

Peoples Bank Foundation, Inc. was organized and is funded by Peoples Bank. Its purpose is to enhance the quality of life for individuals served by organizations located in communities served by Peoples Bank. Peoples Bank (Nasdaq symbol PEBO) is a diversified financial services holding company with \$4.5 billion in total assets, 88 financial service locations, including 77 full-service bank branches in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Learn more about Peoples Bank Foundation, Inc. and Peoples Bank at [www.peoplesbankcorp.com](http://www.peoplesbankcorp.com).

### **About Freestore Foodbank**

*Freestore Foodbank is one of the 200 food bank members of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Freestore Foodbank's mission is to provide food and services, create stability and further self-reliance for people in crisis in a 20-county service area of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Last year, the Freestore Foodbank provided over 33.8 million meals with 511 community partners, trained over 200 in the COOKS and LIFT the Tristate job training programs, and served 17,000 individuals in stabilization services. For more information, please visit [www.freestorefoodbank.org](http://www.freestorefoodbank.org).*

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