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***CHILDREN'S HUNGER ALLIANCE RECEIVES \$175,000 DONATION***  
*Peoples Bank Foundation, FIS and JobsOhio donate to the ThomaHawk fundraiser  
to help feed children impacted by COVID-19*

**Warrensville Heights, OH (May 7, 2020)** – Children's Hunger Alliance (CHA), a statewide nonprofit dedicated to feeding food-insecure children during the pandemic, received a \$175,000 gift through the ThomaHawk fundraiser created by former Cleveland Browns players, Joe Thomas and Andrew Hawkins of The ThomaHawk Show. Marietta-based Peoples Bank Foundation together with FIS and JobsOhio donated a combined \$100,000 to the fundraiser. The balance of the gift is a combination of \$25,000 raised by the ThomaHawk fans and a \$50,000 match by the players.

"Using our platform and influence to help children is what brought The ThomaHawk Show together in the first place. We volunteered at each other's holiday initiatives when we were on the Cleveland Browns and formed a lifelong friendship. For The ThomaHawk Show and our fanbase to be the catalyst to make this kind of impact, really brings it all full circle," said Hawkins.

"When we started this campaign with Children's Hunger Alliance, our goal was to help feed as many kids as we could throughout the entire state of Ohio. We wanted to support the communities that have given so much to us and our families during our playing careers," said Thomas. "When Peoples Bank, FIS and JobsOhio called and said that they wanted to make sure we not only met our financial goal, but exceeded it, we were humbled. Times like these can really bring out the best in people and we are thrilled that these great organizations stepped up to the plate with us to help feed children across Ohio."

The check presentation took place at Frederick's restaurant in Warrensville Heights, one of CHA's many partner meal sites across the state serving grab-and-go meals to children.

CHA president and CEO Judy Mobley said, "Our work feeding children in need became even more critical as schools and businesses closed because of the pandemic. We work specifically to fill the gaps in food access in areas where children's needs are not being met while also supporting community partners who need assistance feeding the children they serve. This generous donation will help us respond to the immediate needs of hungry children during this unprecedented time."

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Peoples Bank Foundation's \$50,000 contribution is the largest single donation in the foundation's history. "That is how important we think it is to help ensure children don't go to bed hungry during this pandemic," said Peoples Bank president and CEO, Chuck Sulerzyski.

FIS, which has a strategic location in greater Cincinnati, donated \$25,000 that will specifically be used to support the work in that area of the state.

"As the world's largest fintech, as well as a leading processing partner for government assistance and food benefits in the U.S., we see how this current health crisis is hurting families and we want to play our part in ensuring our children know where their next meal is coming from during this pandemic," FIS chief operating officer Stephanie Ferris said. "We are proud to partner with Joe Thomas, Andrew Hawkins, JobsOhio and Peoples Bank to support Children's Hunger Alliance's work helping Ohio families at this time of need."

As part of the partnership, JobsOhio provided a \$25,000 donation to be applied across the entire state. The donation is part of JobsOhio's commitment to helping the most vulnerable during these difficult times. JobsOhio is making up to \$250 million available to help soften the impact on Ohio's small and medium-sized businesses, including making \$70 million available to procure life-saving personal protective equipment (PPE) for Ohioans.

Mobley said, "On behalf of Children's Hunger Alliance, I am extremely grateful to Joe Thomas and Andrew Hawkins of The ThomaHawk Show, Peoples Bank, FIS and JobsOhio for partnering with us in our work to feed children impacted by the pandemic. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many children during this uncertain time."

CHA provides free grab-and-go meals to children 18 and younger at over 100 sites throughout Ohio and continues to add new sites daily. A full listing of CHA's sponsored sites is available on their website.

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Founded in 1970, **Children's Hunger Alliance** is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger in Ohio. Through their work, Children's Hunger Alliance provides healthy meals to hungry children, advocates for legislation to improve the welfare of Ohio's youngest citizens, and teaches nutrition and physical education to those they serve. Visit [childrenshungeralliance.org](http://childrenshungeralliance.org) for additional information.

**Peoples Bank** (Nasdaq: PEBO) is a community bank headquartered along the Ohio River in Marietta, Ohio. It has been a community bank since 1902 and employs approximately 950 associates. Peoples Bank has over 50 bank branches in Ohio, and more than 20 bank branches in West Virginia and Kentucky. Peoples Bank's website is [peoplesbancorp.com](http://peoplesbancorp.com).

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**The ThomaHawk Show** presented by [UNINTERRUPTED](#) is a weekly podcast hosted by NFL veterans and former teammates, [Joe Thomas](#) and [Andrew Hawkins](#). With a combined 10 Pro Bowl selections (all Joe's) and two college degrees (both Hawk's), The ThomaHawk Show is your one-stop shop for fun NFL stories, unintentional comedy and a touch of bromance. Since its inception in 2018, the show has been one of the most popular sports podcasts and has hosted A-list guests including LeBron James, Saquon Barkley, Baker Mayfield, Richard Sherman, Hannah Storm and many more. The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and UNINTERRUPTED's website and has been featured on outlets such as NFL Network, ESPN.com, USA Today, and in-arena NFL games. For more info on The ThomaHawk Show, check out @ThomaHawkShow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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