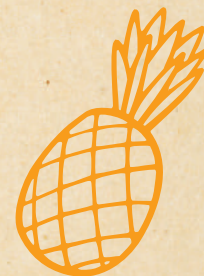




**ENDING
HUNGER**
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

2020 ANNUAL REPORT
A year like no other



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WE ARE



Food gatherers | Distributors |
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OUR PRIORITY

Is to serve the most needy and most vulnerable first:
children, seniors, veterans and those in crisis.

APPROACH

Our work is evidence-based and data driven. We focus on
outcomes and impact, and our work will be measurable.

VALUES

Collaborative | Transparent | Innovative
Responsible | Respectful | Excel

IMPACT



22,430,959 lbs

Food Distributed



18,413,443

Meals



8,113,626 lbs

Fresh Produce



In Sarasota,
1 in 4
children is
food insecure

LETTER

From
the CEO

As we slowly start to turn a new page, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the ways in which you helped ensure our food bank was able to provide nutritious food to people facing hunger in our community during such a difficult and unique year. We truly could not have done it without the incredible support we received. In the same vein of gratitude, I also want to share how your support allows our organization to make material differences in the fight against hunger.

As food bankers, our job is twofold: to provide food to those experiencing hunger today and to make measurable strides to end hunger in the future. What we have learned throughout our years of work is that the only way to sustainably end hunger is to address the root of the problem, which is both complex and vast.

In a year that presented many challenges, the most challenging part of 2020 was contending with unprecedented levels of need. While hunger has long been an issue in our region, the pandemic threw at-risk individuals and families into crisis. Thanks to the continued outpouring of support from the community, we have been honored to continue to both provide nourishing meals to families facing hunger and change the ways in which clients can access food, feel supported in their time of need, and eventually step out of the cycle of hunger.

I invite you to review the 2020 annual report to see how we increased and evolved our work to meet client needs amidst the ongoing pandemic and to learn more about our future strategy. Thanks to the support of our community which allows us to be innovative in our approach to end hunger, All Faiths Food Bank was recognized by Feeding America as one of the top 4 food banks in the country.

Thank you.
Gratefully,

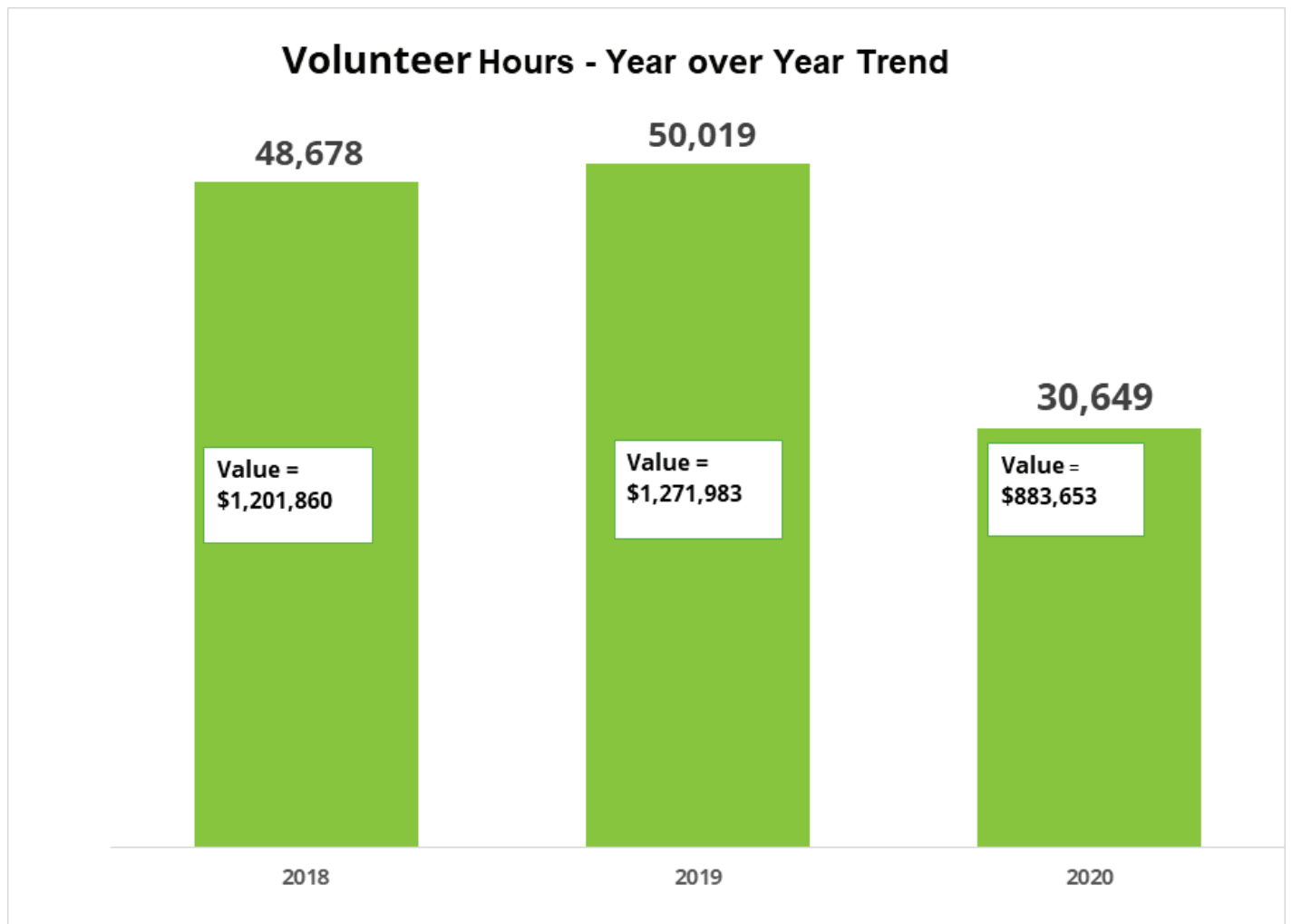
Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer

VOLUNTEERS



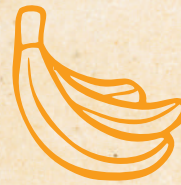
WE LOVE OUR HUNGER HEROES

Thousands of generous individuals, corporate groups, clubs, students, and faith-based/civic organizations helped us sort and distribute almost 22 million pounds of food last year. Volunteer opportunities include sorting and packing food, distributing at pantries, participating in our nutrition education and cooking classes, helping in our offices, lending a hand at events and more.





Providing healthy solutions to end hunger in our community



Thank god that you're here; it's a big help!

- Natasha



This is so helpful to our family, thank you so much for what you are doing.

- Carlos



"Thank you for helping families during these hard times."

- Miguel

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER

April - May



School Ends
Hunger Begins



In Sarasota County, 21,000 students qualify for free and reduced meals at school, but what about their younger siblings and other children who face hunger? As many as 40,000 children could be at risk of hunger during the summer in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

In 2014, the [Campaign Against Summer Hunger](#) was established to raise funds to feed children during the long summer months.

THANKFULL

October - November



COVID-19 has created more empty plates than ever before.
Together, we can turn them into
ThankFULL tummies.



**THANKFULL
TUMMIES**
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Give today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

ThankFULL Tummies



COVID-19 has created more empty plates than ever before.
You can help provide 4 million meals to
children, families, seniors, and veterans.



**THANKFULL
HEARTS**
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

You can turn an empty plate
into a ThankFULL heart.

Give today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

ThankFULL Hearts

During the holiday season we look forward to gathering and sharing a bountiful meal with friends and family, but for families facing financial challenges, the holidays can be a painful reminder of hunger.

The **ThankFULL Hearts and Tummies** holiday campaign was created with the goal of transforming empty plates into ThankFULL hearts and tummies by providing meals for our neighbors who struggle with hunger during the holiday season. ThankFULL Tummies helped provide over 10,000 turkeys to families for thanksgiving.

DeSoto County Food and Resource Center

All Faiths Food Bank opened the doors to the DeSoto County Food and Resource Center in May 2019. The Food and Resource Center (FRC) is designed to not only increase access to nutritious food to individuals in DeSoto County, but also, to serve as a resource in the community and connect individuals with other food access services and social services. In 2020, we served a total of 4,000 households, with over 7,500 neighbors, 40% of them new to the food bank. In addition to emergency food, the FRC helps community members achieve financial stability through benefit assistance programs. In 2020, a Benefits Specialist was hired to assist with SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, and Social Security and Disability applications. They also conducted free tax preparation through the VITA program. These initiatives returned over \$300,000 back into our neighbors' pockets.

New partnerships were created to ensure our reach to vulnerable populations, including partnering with the Department of Health through our Hunger Screening Program, connecting 50% of neighbors with positive hunger screens to services. We deliver food to migrant farms on a monthly basis and biweekly to local homeless camps through the DeSoto Cares organization, providing culturally specific food to over 2,300 migrant camp workers, as well as easy-to-prepare meals for over 50 homeless individuals on a weekly basis.



Pediatric Screening

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatricians screen children for food insecurity. Using a validated screening tool, families with young children can be identified as at-risk for food insecurity. With funds from the Barancik Foundation, All Faiths Food Bank embarked on a three-year project to identify food insecurity in children, connect families with food resources and nutrition assistance programs, track and report utilization, and, longer-term, improve health outcomes. During 2020, over 300 positive food insecurity screen referrals were received from four health care partners. The Food Assistance Navigator had successful contact with 64% of neighbors and made more than 200 referrals to services in our community including WIC, SNAP, and mobile pantry distributions.

SNAP Application Assistance Program

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a federal nutrition program that provides food-purchasing and nutrition assistance for low and no-income people. All Faiths Food Bank initiated the SNAP Application Assistance program in 2018. SNAP Outreach Specialists were positioned at mobile pantries, school pantries, and other community locations to assist eligible neighbors with navigating the program. During 2020, All Faiths Food Bank assisted with 302 applications in Sarasota and 190 in DeSoto, impacting a total of 492 households in these counties.



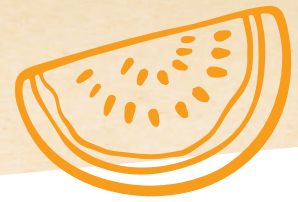
MOBILE PANTRIES



Mobile pantries are refrigerated trucks that deliver food directly to areas with the highest need. At these sites, volunteers assist with serving as many as 300 households in approximately two hours, making it one of the most effective and efficient programs at All Faiths Food Bank. In the midst of the pandemic, 34 of our Mobile Pantries traveled to vulnerable communities on a regular schedule. Food is distributed through a farmer's market-style where neighbors choose what they need. However, due to the pandemic our distributions in 2020 converted to a drive-thru model. The Mobile Pantry Program expands our capacity by giving neighbors in underserved areas access to frozen meat, fresh produce, baked goods, and dairy products in addition to nonperishable food products.

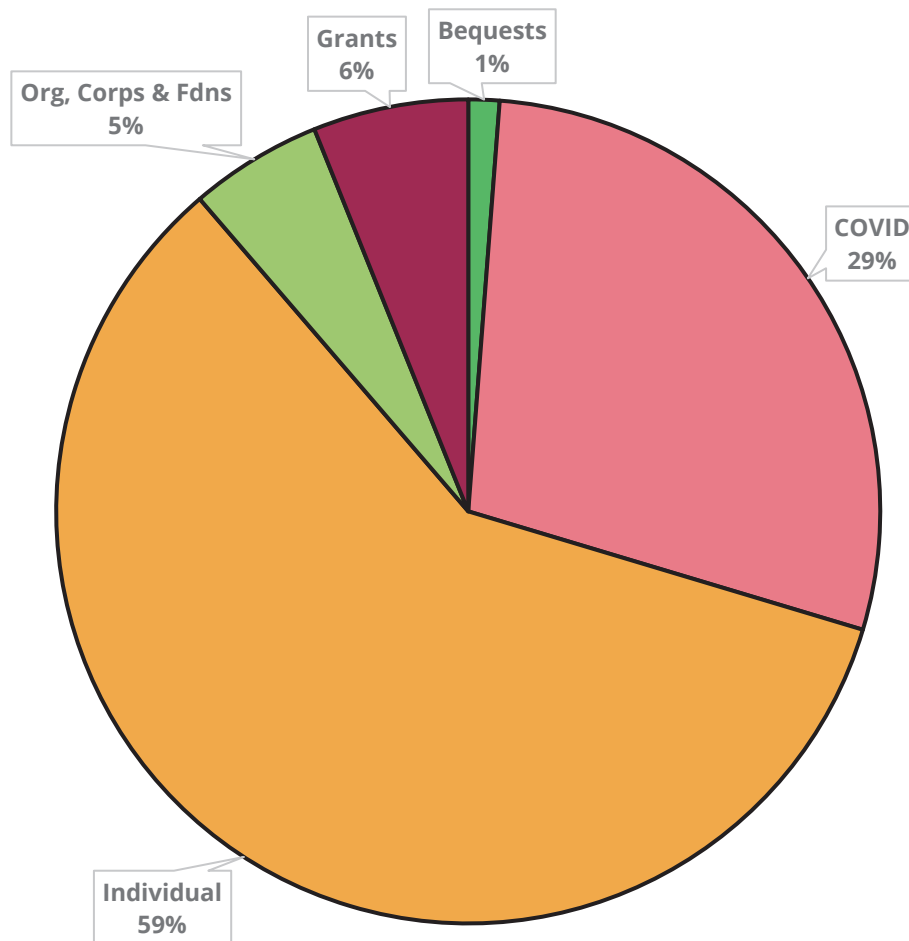


FINANCIALS



All Faiths Food Bank's administrative and fundraising costs are 8% – and at least 92 cents of every dollar is allocated for programs to feed the hungry and educate the community.

2020 Total Philanthropic Support by Category



Please visit allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials for our 990s and audited financials.

JAN-FEB



Hunger & Health Symposium

One of the nation's foremost experts in food insecurity, **Craig Gundersen, PhD**, presented findings from the new national study on health care costs of food insecurity in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

MAR-APR

Crisis Challenges our Food Bank:

- Florida shuts down
- School ends in March, hunger begins immediately for children
- Business closures mean high unemployment and record numbers of people turning to the food bank
- Food supply chain collapses; food donations disappear overnight
- Partner agencies close
- CDC no-touch guidelines require radical changes to our distribution model
- Social-distancing and health concerns preclude volunteers

Immediate Response:

- Campaign Against Summer Hunger launched 3 months early
- Food distribution shifts to pre-boxed drive-thru model
- Volunteers suspended and replaced by food bank staff
- Food purchasing begins to compensate for loss of food donations
- Expanded SNAP enrollment efforts

MAY-JUNE

Meeting the Intensified Need:

- Massive food purchasing to fulfill skyrocketing demand
- 4,000 line up for food at mass distributions; National Guard assists
- Two semi-trucks added
- More warehouse space rented
- 44% new clients
- 13,000 visits to AFFB Food Finder website



JUL-AUG

Innovation and Expansion

- Research pinpoints 10 neighborhoods most affected by COVID-related unemployment
- Intensive communication to reach new families economically harmed by COVID
- Home deliveries of food to COVID-bound households initiated in DeSoto County
- Record amounts of food being distributed
- 2 more semis added to meet the need



SEP-OCT



Scaling Up for Sustained Demand:

- Recovery projected to continue through 2021
- Phase 1 of the Expansion Plan implemented
- 19 new sites open in 10 neighborhoods; total of 312 monthly distributions
- Volunteers return full force
- Investing in capacity-building and strengthening the hunger relief system

NOV-DEC



A Year Like No Other:

- Holidays magnify the need
- 10,000 turkeys and sides for Thanksgiving dinners
- 4 million meals in November through our ThankFull Tummies and Hearts campaigns
- Reached 51% new clients since March
- Over 22 million pounds distributed in 2020



2020

BY-THE-NUMBERS



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Partner agencies
and programs



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