

food for thought



CAMPAIGN AGAINST
SUMMER HUNGER
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Summer 2026

SHARING LOVE THROUGH FOOD

For Laura's family, a sunny day is best spent outside. "We go to the beach, we'll go to the park," She explains.

As a mom of eight, Laura may juggle a lot in a day, but one thing that never wavers is her love for her family. She shows it in many ways,

from managing the household while her fiancé works, to picking up the youngest kids from school every day.

But Laura's favorite way to care for her family is to make a nourishing, home-cooked meal.

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GREETINGS, FRIENDS OF ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK!



Nelle S. Miller,
President & CEO

Dear Neighbor,
Summer has a way of lighting up a child's heart. With school out, the days can feel full of freedom and possibility. But for families who rely on free and reduced-price school meals,

summer can also mean the loss of a critical source of nutrition.

That's why we hold our *Campaign Against Summer Hunger* — to make sure children don't have to trade possibility for uncertainty. With your help, thousands of kids can enjoy summer the way it's meant to be: carefree and well-nourished.

For the third year in a row, Florida has opted out of the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (Summer EBT) Program. Without this community support, and without school

meal programs, many families simply don't know how to weather the high cost of expenses and food until school resumes.

During our *Campaign Against Summer Hunger*, your impact will reach twice as far, thanks to a \$1,000,000 matching offer from a group of generous donors. Consider how far your gift will go to rekindle a child's hope, joy and health this summer.

In this edition of *Food For Thought*, you'll meet Aaliyah's family, p. 4. A parent of four-year-old twins, Aaliyah is one of many parents who is thankful for the food resource you help provide.

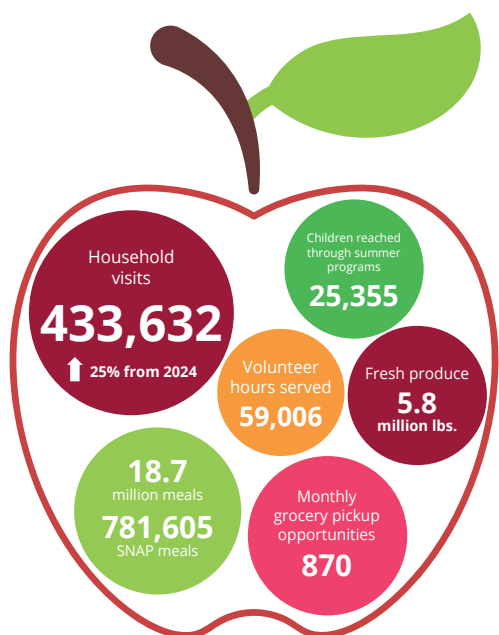
We are so grateful for your partnership this summer!

Sincerely,

Nelle S. Miller
President & CEO



YOUR IMPACT IN 2025



What does summer hunger feel like?

For too many children, when school ends, hunger begins. You can help. Give now.

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"Every Tuesday, I come to [my local All Faiths Food Bank partner agency], and my family can eat for a whole entire week," she says. Our hunger-relief network is a critical source of stability Laura uses to fill the table — especially during the summer, when her school-age children don't have access to free and reduced-price meals.

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"We depend on this food bank more than anything," Laura says. Chicken, hamburger, and vegetables are regular items Laura picks up and turns into a variety of meals. "My kids' favorite is pho," she shares.



Laura turns ingredients from her local Food Pantry into comforting family meals.

When the family can gather together around a full table, that's one less worry for Laura and her fiancé this summer!



MAKING CONNECTIONS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

It's been four years since Kelly and Rick started volunteering with All Faiths Food Bank. What started as a church effort now carries personal meaning for the couple.

When asked what's most fulfilling about volunteering, Kelly doesn't hesitate: it's the people served. "They share their good news and bad news in their lives, and let us know how much they truly rely on us being there."

"They always hug and thank us for being there," she continues. "We get to meet their family and friends."

That's how Kelly and Rick know they make a difference in the community. The food they help distribute goes to neighbors they see out and about on any given day. It's a thread that connects the couple to Sarasota in a truly meaningful way.

If you've ever wondered what it's like to volunteer with All Faiths Food Bank, Kelly encourages you to try it out. "It's easy," she says. "You can sign up for any available day or time."

Over the years, Kelly and Rick have experienced countless meaningful moments — like the day they received a handwritten thank-you note from an older woman who had picked up food at the Gocio Elementary School Pantry, where they serve. That feeling will last a lifetime!



Please consider volunteering over the summer to help distribute food to neighbors at mobile pantries throughout Sarasota and DeSoto counties. Please scan the QR code to learn more and get started!



SUMMER NOURISHMENT FOR AALIYAH'S FAMILY

April was a big month for Aaliyah's twins. They turned four! Now in Pre-K, the two youngsters are learning more and more every day. Aaliyah couldn't be prouder.

Being the sole provider for two bundles of energy doesn't leave much free time, but that hasn't stopped Aaliyah from enrolling in nursing school.

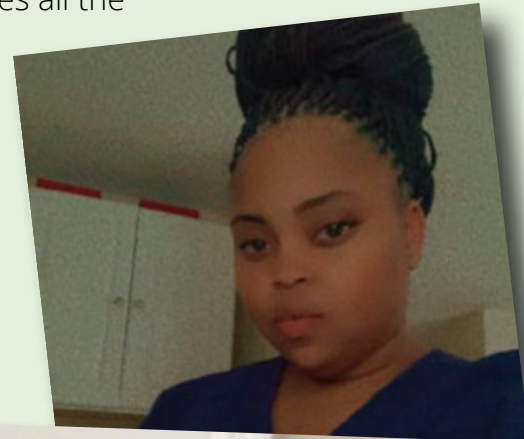
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While she's taking a break from work to focus on classes, friends like you help provide a valuable resource to Aaliyah and her family through All Faiths Food Bank. The support has been so meaningful that we recently received an email from Aaliyah saying *thank you*.

"There are times when I have had to make difficult choices," she wrote. "And that is why I attend the food banks in my community. The support we receive has truly been a blessing...I am given a sense of relief, knowing that we are not alone in this journey."

The food that Aaliyah receives not only fills the bellies of her four-year-olds, but it also nourishes her father, who shares the home and is recovering from a stroke.

For so many families just like Aaliyah's, our mission makes all the difference during hard times. Thank you for making moments of care and hope possible.



Aaliyah's twins recently started Pre-K!

AUTUMN HARVEST



Oct. 16, 2026
All Faiths Food Bank
6:30 p.m.

BOWLS OF HOPE



Nov. 8, 2026
Ed Smith Stadium
11 a.m.

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Nov. 14, 2026
Home of Dan and Shannon Connors
5 p.m.

Join our historically sold-out events!

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