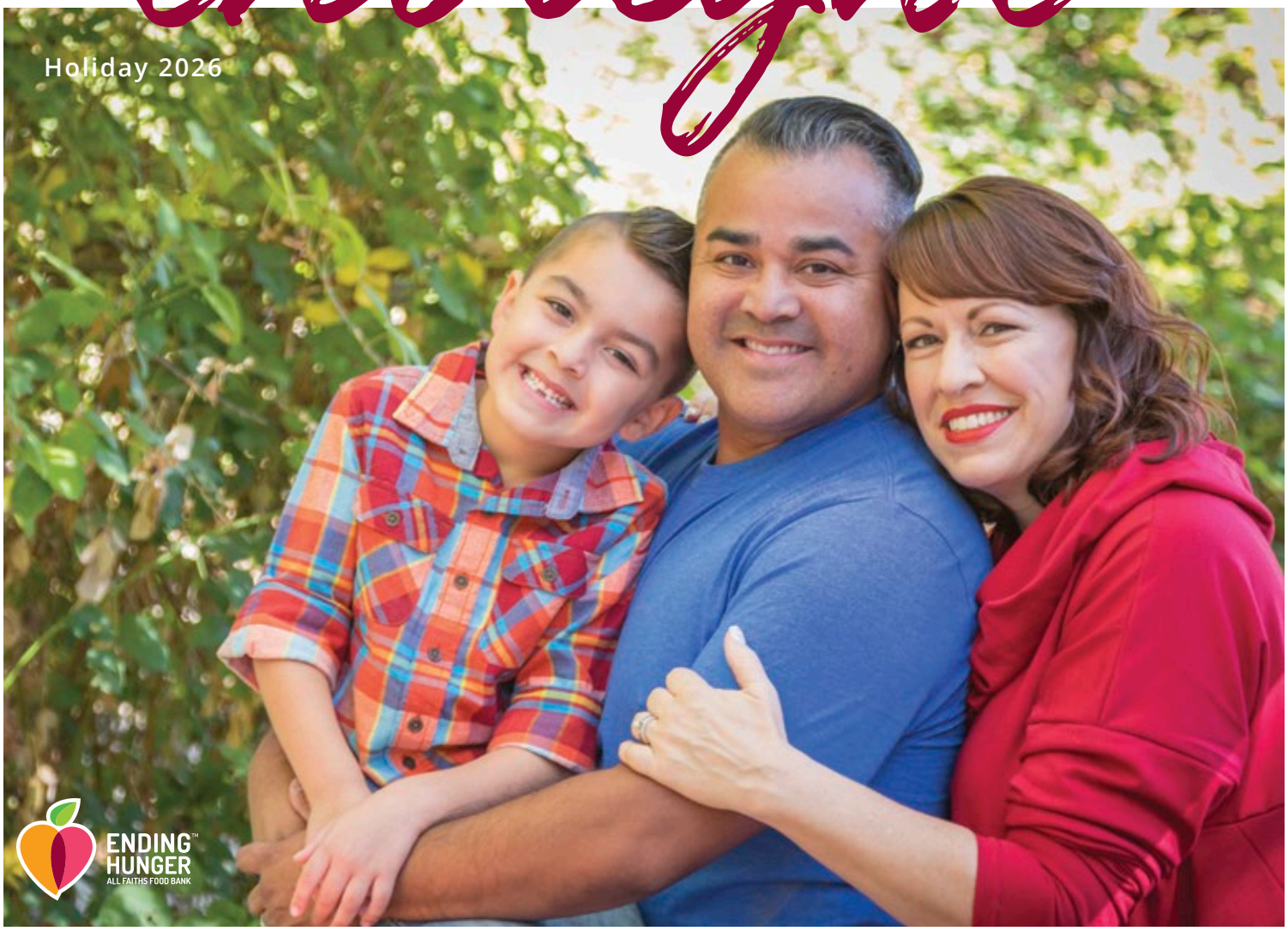
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Holiday 2026



"GOOD FOR YOUR BODY, GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL"



"I'm really proud of my brother."

That's Jordon, 26, talking about Jabez, who turned 23 this year. "He holds his weight," Jordon continues. "And it takes a lot of pressure from me."

The brothers recently reunited after Jordon returned from a five-year service in the Navy. Now, they live together, Jordon working as a security guard and Jabez looking for his next job.

Both Jordon and Jabez are grateful for the community resources available to them, especially Margie's Market, a choice food

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GREETINGS, FRIENDS OF ALL FAITH FOOD BANK!



Nelle S. Miller,
President & CEO

Dear Neighbor,

The true comfort and joy of this season come from the people we share it with. I'm grateful to be writing this message to you today, because it means we're welcoming the holidays together. Thank you.

The need for hunger relief remains strong in our communities, and we know many families will continue to rely on these resources in the weeks ahead. Especially as changes to SNAP, Medicaid and eligibility for other benefits take effect, more neighbors may begin searching for food assistance before the year is over.

We'll be here to help, thanks to you.

A few days ago, we celebrated the service of the brave individuals who have served our country and protected our freedoms on Veterans Day. All Faiths Food Bank is proud to offer Veteran-specific support to show our Veterans how much we care.

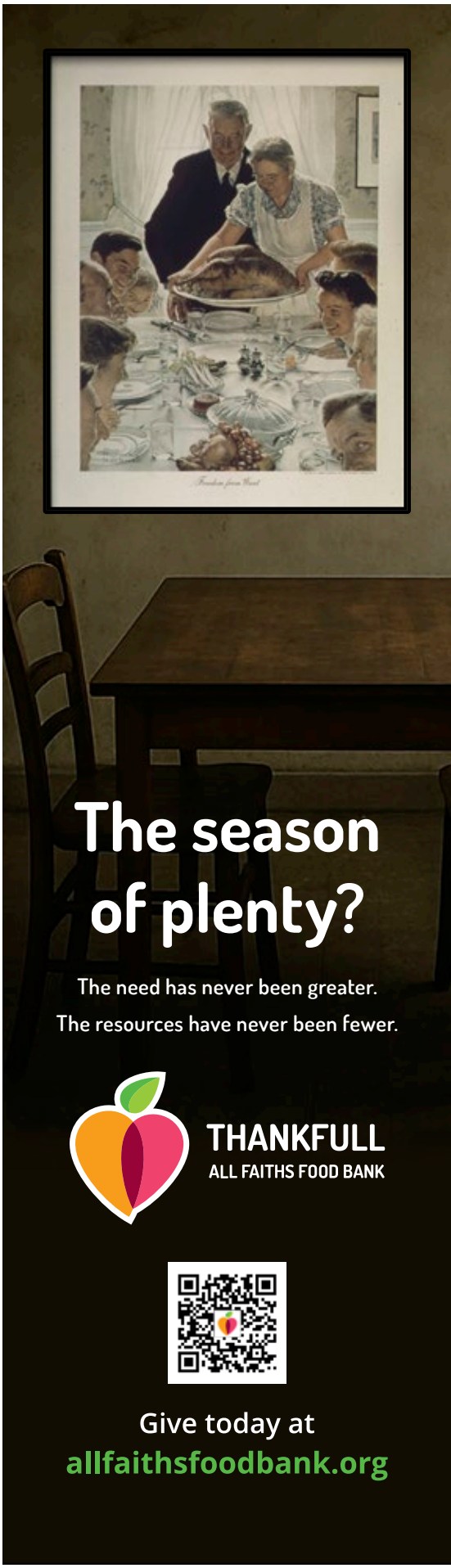
Because the truth is, whether someone is a Veteran, a retired teacher or a hardworking parent, hunger can, and does, impact our neighbors' lives, even during the holidays. That's why we hold our annual ThankFULL Campaign — to fill holiday plates that might otherwise remain empty.

Sometimes, it seems good news isn't as prevalent as bad news. But this newsletter proves otherwise. These stories are just a drop in the bucket of the lives we've changed together.

Please, take a minute to read the following pages and find inspiration, hope and resolve, just as I did. Thank you again. Hoping you and yours are joyful and well!

Happy holidays,

Nelle S. Miller
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Brothers Jordon and Jabez

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pantry stocked by All Faiths Food Bank. With the cost of living so high, the help makes it possible for the brothers to fill the table and still afford expenses, like rent.

"At the end of the month, when we're looking at those bills…it really helps," Jordon says.

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The groceries the siblings pick up become favorite dishes like pasta and chicken. "You can make all types of different meals," Jordon says.

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Jabez adds that the simple act of making a meal with his brother is "good for your body, good for your soul." And with your support, it's that much easier to fill the table.

"I'm thankful for my community," he continues. "We appreciate the help a lot!"

TRADITIONS THAT BRING US TOGETHER

For many of us, the holiday season is marked by cherished customs that bring people together. At Boar's Head Brand, one honored tradition has been strengthening our community for years.

The *Circle of Friends* began in 2019 as a tribute to a beloved colleague, Jay Koopman, whose courage during his battle with brain cancer inspired his coworkers. Today, more than 250 Boar's Head Brand employees volunteer, fundraise and donate in his memory.

Over the past two years, Boar's Head employees have partnered with All Faiths Food Bank. They have volunteered at our warehouse and school pantries and sponsored and helped out at last year's Bowls of Hope.

This year, the *Circle of Friends* contributed more than 75 volunteer hours to our "Can-tastic Floor Wars," where teams built imaginative displays with donated canned foods. Together, with Boar's Head Brand's matching gift, their efforts placed two refrigerated cargo vans into service for All Faiths Food Bank!



The *Circle of Friends* reminds us that the strongest traditions are the ones that inspire us to step forward for our community! We are grateful for this compassionate group!

Please consider volunteering over the holiday 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!

A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY

Church and family are the two pillars of Susan's life. That's how she'd introduce herself to you: "I'm a member of [Church of the Palms]. I volunteer. I take care of...my daughter, who has a child."

Recent changes to SNAP eligibility have impacted Susan's daughter, who is raising her child alone and also working full-time. "[We're] trying to keep a roof over her head," Susan says.

> *"It really helps a lot... it keeps us going"*

The Church of the Palms Pantry, supplied by All Faiths Food Bank, is more than a place where Susan picks up food to support herself and her daughter. It's also a community hub where she volunteers her time and has made, in her own words, "some really good friends.".

"It really helps a lot...it keeps us going," Susan says.

Since retiring from her career in healthcare administration, Susan has filled her time by volunteering, staying active in the church and caring for her family, including her husband, a Veteran.



Susan always makes sure her family is cared for

Susan delivers the food she receives to her daughter and keeps a few items for herself and her husband — "enough to get me through," she says. Dairy products, including cottage cheese, milk and yogurt, are especially appreciated.

Susan is truly grateful for the community she's found at The Church of the Palms Pantry. She says, "It keeps my spirits up!"

Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for our neighbors.

With your support, over 14,500 Thanksgiving turkey dinners were provided to families in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.



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