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WE ARE

Food gatherers | Distributors | Community collaborators | Educators

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
All Faiths Food Bank has become known for our efficiency and ability – as a well-known and trusted nonprofit organization – to mobilize the community in our efforts to distribute millions of meals to people who are hungry.

Some of our key achievements in 2019 included: the Campaign Against Summer Hunger which raised $1.4 million to feed nearly 36,000 children; our collaborative distribution model with major partners including the Sarasota and DeSoto County Schools’ food services departments, libraries and numerous youth-serving organizations; participation in health summits and partnerships with healthcare providers; our DeSoto Food and Resource Center which served predominantly Hispanic residents and agricultural workers; and our participation in the groundbreaking study that has resulted in the development of the Meal Deficit Metric which is changing the way food banks address hunger in their communities.

For these achievements and more, we are proud to have been recognized by Feeding America as one of the top four food banks in the nation, a notable achievement for a community our size.

None of this would have been possible without you. We could not fill empty plates without your giving hearts. On behalf of our board, staff and those we serve, thank you!

Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer
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“Thank you for helping. We appreciate what you do.”

- Chelsie, Paisley’s mother

“Thank you so much for giving what you have.”

- Julia, Regina’s mother

“It’s a blessing, what you’re doing.”

- Grace and Belle’s mother
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.
Autumn Harvest campaign was introduced in 2018 to help achieve our mission of “providing healthy solutions to end hunger”. During the harvest season, the generosity of our community helps provide fruits and vegetables with those who can’t afford or access healthy groceries. The campaign includes a wonderful farm-to-table style dinner shared with friends and family in our warehouse.
THANKFULL
October - November

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.

Turn an empty plate into a ThankFULL tummy.

Give today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

ThankFULL Tummies

May your heart be as full as a child’s plate.

Fill an empty plate today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

ThankFULL Hearts
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 other social services. In 2019, there were a total of 2,176 clients served, of which, 69% of the clients were new to the food bank. These services benefitted a total of 6,139 individuals within DeSoto County.

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 through the Barancik Foundation, All Faiths Food Bank started its first year of 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 the first year, 253 positive food insecurity screen referrals were provided to All Faiths Food Bank through the health care partners. The Food Assistance Navigator had successful contact with 51.3% of clients and made 197 referrals to services in our community including WIC, SNAP, and mobile pantry distributions. Follow-up revealed 18.2% utilization of services based on referrals. As a comparison, a study conducted by Kaiser Permanente, a clinical food insecurity screening and referral program, revealed an initial challenge to connect to clients at a rate of only 5%.
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 clients with navigating the program. During 2019, All Faiths Food Bank assisted with 388 SNAP application submissions.
All Faiths Food Bank is an implementation partner for Share Our Strength’s Cooking Matters classes, a course offered three times per year. We also offer one-time presentations, which are customized for specific groups with special dietary needs such as children, young mothers, and those with specific health concerns, where good nutrition plays a vital role.
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.

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

Mobile pantries are refrigerated trucks that deliver food directly to areas with the highest needs. 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.

Our 17 Mobile Pantries travel to specific communities on a regular schedule. Food is distributed through a farmer’s market-style where clients choose what they need.

The Mobile Pantry Program expands our capacity by giving clients in underserved areas access to frozen meat, fresh produce, baked goods, and dairy products in addition to nonperishable food products.
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| **Agencies & Programs** | 228  
are a part of our network. |
| **Volunteer Hours** | 50,019  
helped us carry out our mission. |
| **People**     | 97,645  
received food. |
| **Backpacks of Food** | 213,365  
Were distributed to children. |
| **Meals**      | 11.5 million  
were distributed last year. |
| **Pounds**     | 13.9 million  
were distributed to children, families, seniors, and veterans. |
| **Pounds**     | 4.7 million  
of that food was fresh produce. |

2019 REPORT
Together with our partners, we provide healthy solutions to end hunger in our community.

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