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While her mom undergoes chemo treatment, Tabitha has taken on the great responsibility of caring for her three younger siblings. She’s a real inspiration — extremely caring and selfless.

Before COVID, Tabitha worked as a receptionist at a hospital where she helped with outpatient services. Unfortunately, she was laid off during the pandemic, and, with three children to provide for now, she’s under a lot of pressure to provide the nutritious food her siblings need to thrive.

“Growing kids eat a lot,” she says.

Thankfully, Tabitha heard about All Faiths Food Bank’s school pantry at Gocio Elementary. There, she can pick up fresh produce, dairy and snacks for her siblings to get her family through the week, and the younger kids really look forward to the pantry visit.

“It’s like treat time,” she shares. “Especially when [we] get snacks [we] can’t buy now.”

Thank you for supporting neighbors like Tabitha and her family. You are helping make our community in Sarasota and DeSoto counties an even better place to live.

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Create a Lasting Legacy

Help end hunger by including All Faiths Food Bank in your estate plans and becoming part of the Ending Hunger Society. To learn more, please contact Rachel Bradley at 941-549-8140 or rbradley@allfaithsfoodbank.org

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