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Dear Neighbor,

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School meal programs are essential for our neighbors who have difficulty making ends meet month to month. Without this resource, budgets stretch past the breaking point in order to make up the 10 extra meals per week each child would usually eat at school.

Thanks to your invaluable partnership, local children will have enough to eat this summer. Our Campaign Against Summer Hunger is in full swing, working hard to connect kids and families to the healthy food needed to thrive.

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With gratitude,

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Executive Officer

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Over 40,000 children in our community are at risk of summer hunger. You can help us keep them full until fall.

$ for $ Match April 1 - May 15th
Give today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

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Although Elvia admits cleaning houses is more physically demanding work, she likes this job more because there’s less emotional energy involved. Plus the hours are more flexible and she can spend more time with her family.

Still, even though both she and her husband are working, they sometimes struggle to cover all their household expenses. With the cost of living continuing to rise, even groceries can be too expensive. Elvia’s daughter loves healthy vegetables, but it can be difficult to afford them.

Thankfully, Elvia has access to All Faith Food Bank’s school pantry at Gocio Elementary. There, she can pick up fresh produce, dairy and snacks for her family.

Elvia wants to thank you for what you’ve made possible.

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It’s because of you that our neighbors most impacted by rising costs are able to continue to put healthy family meals on the table. Thank you!

David, Jon and Cari Make a Difference That’ll Last

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Originally, the pantry was meant to be used by the school’s children and families. During the pandemic, as the need grew the pantry expanded to be of assistance to everyone in the community.

“The need is astounding,” David says. “Put yourself in another’s shoes and gauge the responsibility we have.”

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“We’re doing good work,” Jon says, “and for that, we’re grateful.”

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Right now, so many neighbors are having to work harder than ever to make ends meet. The prices of housing, transportation, groceries and medical treatments are all surging, and people need help affording food.

Neighbors like Jesse have always been able to pay bills and provide food for loved ones. But now, she’s having trouble getting by.

The only thing that’s changed? The cost of living.

The sky-high rate of inflation is making life way more expensive. Too many Sarasota and DeSoto county community members who were once financially stable are now facing hardship through no personal fault. But thanks to generosity from friends like you, community resources are available for children, families and seniors who need them. You help stock the shelves of pantries in several local elementary schools with fresh, healthy food so schoolchildren and people living in the surrounding communities don’t go hungry.

“I just have to say thank you,” Jesse says to donors like you. “It helps a lot of families. I just have one son, but some families have more, and expenses are going up.”

Because of you, kids like Jesse’s will have enough to eat while away from school meals this summer. Thank you for not forgetting about your neighbors facing hunger.

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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