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Your Neighbors Are Giving Thanks for YOU!



Dear Neighbor,

Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer

I want to share my thanks for your generous support, especially as our community continues to recover from Hurricane Ian. Your partnership is especially felt at times like these, when so many of us are facing the devastation of loss, coupled with the anxiety of food insecurity.

Sitting down to a meal with family seems so simple when our homes are intact, and food is abundant. But when life has been upended, a shared meal takes on even greater meaning. The holidays remind us of that fact.

November is also a reminder of the sacrifices our veterans have made. Twice a month, All Faiths Food Bank recognizes veterans' commitment to our freedom and well-being through a special pantry dedicated to former armed service members. You can meet Richard, an Air Force veteran who benefits from this program, on the back cover. His granddaughter plans to join the service, too!

It's such a joy to share these stories of hope with you. They illustrate how your generosity changes lives for the better every day.

As we continue our disaster relief and look toward the busy holiday season, we've launched our annual ThankFULL campaign. When you give to All Faiths Food Bank, you'll help turn empty plates into ThankFULL hearts and tummies.

So many local families, children, veterans and individuals facing hunger will be thinking of you while gathered around a full table this holiday season.

Our work wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you for sharing hope across our community!

Gratefully,

Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer



When basic costs increase, food can be the first to go. You can help put food back in the bag this holiday season. Turn empty plates into ThankFULL hearts.

Join the ThankFULL campaign today!



Give today at
allfaithsfoodbank.org

Give smart and make a difference before year-end!

As year-end approaches, there are several ways to give to All Faiths Food Bank while enjoying financial benefits for yourself:

Donate appreciated stock: Give your appreciated stocks to All Faiths Food Bank and eliminate capital gains tax.

Give from your IRA (if you are 70 1/2 or older): Regardless of whether you itemize your taxes, this gift helps you fulfill your required minimum distribution and is not considered taxable income.

Charitable remainder trusts: You may benefit from funding these with appreciated property to avoid capital gains taxes.

Donor-Advised Funds (DAF): Make a gift with a grant through your donor-advised fund.

You're a Lifeline to Amanda's Family

When you give to All Faiths Food Bank, you bring hope for the holidays to countless grateful neighbors like Amanda, who truly embodies the definition of resilience, strength and loving kindness.

Amanda works two jobs — for the County in building maintenance and part-time at Starbucks — to provide for her sons, Andrew and Daniel. Even with two jobs, it's difficult to cover the cost of raising a family on your own, especially during holiday breaks when kids can't access school meals.

You make a real difference for Amanda's family. Because you choose to give, she doesn't have to worry as much about her grocery budget. She can pick up nutritious food from All Faiths Food Bank's mobile pantry at Riverview High School. Amanda found out about the food pantry last October and is truly grateful to have help filling her family's table.

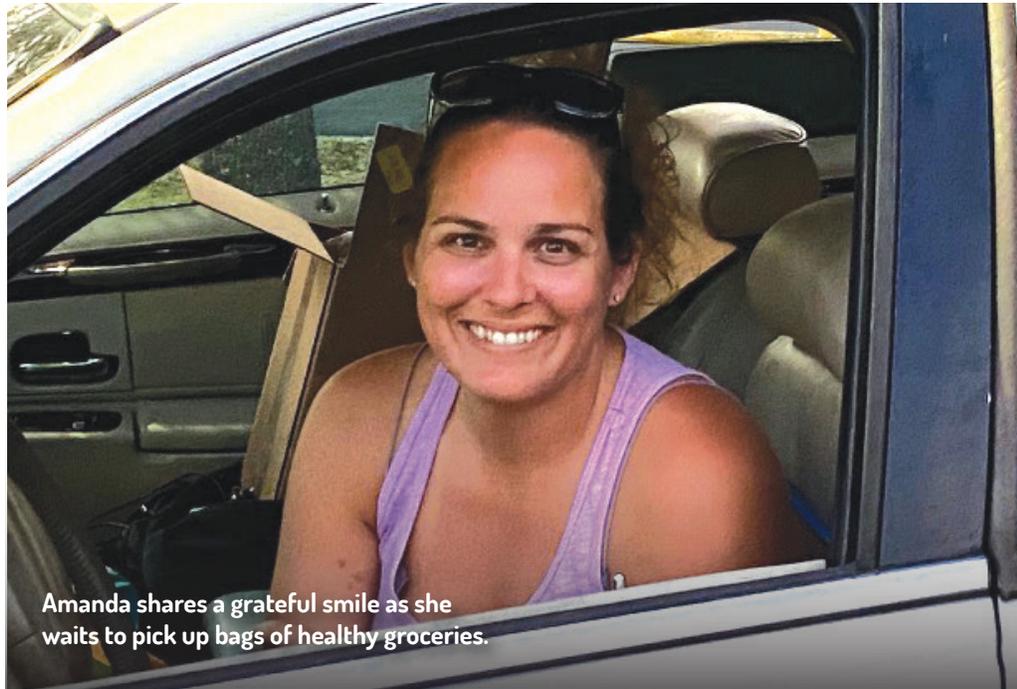
After offering some insider tips for making great coffee, Amanda was eager to share a message with you, as a Food Bank supporter: "I'd like

to tell you, 'Thank you!'" she said enthusiastically.

It's a true pleasure to meet community members like Amanda, and to learn how your gifts are making an ongoing difference. Thank you for ending hunger in Sarasota and DeSoto counties. You're making the holidays bright!

*"I'd like to tell you,
'Thank you!'"*

— AMANDA



Amanda shares a grateful smile as she waits to pick up bags of healthy groceries.

Thank You 15,000 Times to Our Tuesday Volunteers



Can you think of anything you've done 15,000 times this year? Angelo, the de facto spokesperson for All Faiths Food Bank's Tuesday volunteer crew, does a quick calculation

to figure out that this core group has packed 15,000 boxes of nutritious food this year alone.

Made up primarily of retirees like Angelo with backgrounds from business to medicine to teaching, this energized and dedicated group has their food-packing work down to a science. The magic recipe is music – usually 70s rock and Motown hits – donuts, dancing, and most importantly, a shared drive to help people in need.

Each member of the team cares deeply about our community and shows up week after week to put beliefs into action. Angelo, who estimates he's visited 100 countries on his many travels, always comes back to Florida with a renewed passion for helping right here at home.

Angelo and Lisa, his wife of 45 years, moved to Florida nearly 20 years ago after he retired from a career as an executive engineer for Ford Motor Company. He did some consulting work for a while, but when he fully retired, he wanted to spend his time making the world a better place – starting with tackling the issue of hunger at home.

Angelo and many of the Tuesday group team members have been with us for more than a decade now. It's hard to put into words just how vital our dedicated volunteers are to fulfilling our mission. Angelo and the Tuesday volunteer crew have our deepest respect and appreciation.



Richard is so grateful you choose to give!

Thank You for Supporting Veterans Like Richard

Richard, an 80-year-old veteran of the US Air Force and former addiction counselor, found that the stabilizing force of a shared meal can help bring a sense of security to anyone who may be feeling unsteady in the face of life's inevitable challenges.

Today, Richard is proud that his 17-year-old granddaughter, who lives with him and his wife and recently graduated from high school, hopes to follow in his footsteps by joining the Air Force. She also wants to study aeronautics.

Your gifts are helping her achieve her dreams with access to full, balanced meals prepared by her grandparents with groceries from All Faiths Food Bank's veterans pantry at Church of the Palms that provides food in their neighborhood.

"It helps quite a bit," Richard says of the food he and his family receive from the mobile pantry.

Social Security simply isn't enough to provide for Richard, his wife and their granddaughter.

Richard found out about the agency through word of mouth a few years ago and was relieved to find help after being told he didn't qualify for SNAP assistance. Richard especially appreciates the fresh fruit, vegetables and lean protein.

Your support means Richard and his family don't have to sacrifice meals when insurance, medical co-pays, prescriptions and gas strain their budget.

"You treat us all like veterans," Richard says of the respect he feels when he visits the pantry and receives food you help provide.

At this special time of year, your gifts are even more needed — and appreciated. Thank you.

"You treat us all like veterans."

— RICHARD

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