

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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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

IMPACT



22,430,959 lbs Food Distributed

> 18,413,443 Meals



8,113,626 lbs Fresh Produce

> In Sarasota, 1 in 4 children is food insecure

LETTER

As the pandemic continued to impact the most vulnerable in our community in 2021, All Faiths Food Bank was there to help. Not only did we maintain our proud tradition of providing nutritional assistance to our neighbors in need, we continued to expand our focus from the "right now" of feeding the hungry to attacking the root causes of hunger by working to lift people from poverty.

From

the CEO

Trained professionals at All Faiths Food Bank assisted clients with numerous benefits program applications and other services, such as SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), Medicaid, and Florida KidCare (which provides free or very low-cost health and dental coverage to eligible youths). We have also joined the United Way Eviction Cohort, to assist low-income rural residents with rental assistance/eviction application assistance.

Current areas of focus include childhood hunger, forging partnerships with healthcare providers and social service organizations to screen families with young children for hunger, and attacking rural hunger while providing critical wrap-around services.

Internally, we are working with an outside consultant group to develop a new strategic plan to help guide what ending hunger looks like for the food bank and our community over the next few years. This process should be completed in September.

I invite you to review the 2021 annual report to see how we increased and evolved our work to meet community needs. The economic after-effects of the pandemic and soaring inflation are hitting the most at-risk in our community hard while we – like food banks across the country – contend with rising costs and continuing supply chain issues.

Thanks to the support of our community, which allows us to be innovative in our approach to end hunger, All Faiths Food Bank was recognized as the 2021 "Nonprofit of the Year" by the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. We are proud to see the positive impact of our work first-hand, and are determined to redouble our crucial efforts to assist the most at-risk among us.

Thank you. Gratefully,

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Sandra Frank, JD Chief Executive Officer

VOLUNTEERS



WE LOVE OUR HUNGER HEROES

Thousands of generous individuals, corporate groups, clubs, students, and faith-based/civic organizations helped us sort and distribute almost 19 million pounds of food last year. Volunteer opportunities include sorting and packing food, distributing at pantries, participating in our nutrition education and cooking classes, helping in our offices, lending a hand at events and more.





Providing healthy solutions to end hunger in our community







"This food makes a difference. It helps a lot."



"It's a great help nowadays; everything is so expensive."



"This will be a big help. This means more money for my family's medical bills." 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.

THANKFULL October – November



ThankFULL Tummies

ThankFULL Hearts

You can turn an empty plate

into a ThankFULL heart.

Give today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

HANKFULL

THANKFULL HEARTS ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

COVID-19 has created more empty plates than ever before. You can help provide 4 million meals to

children, families, seniors, and veterans.

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. ThankFULL Tummies helped provide over 12,000 turkeys to families for thanksgiving.

FINANCIALS

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.

2021 Total Philanthropic Support by Category



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

Your support makes it possible to end hunger today and tomorrow by helping our neighbors address the root causes of hunger.

Childhood Hunger

All Faiths Food Bank's programs work to address the needs of hungry children by providing healthy, nutritious food after school, on weekends, during extended holiday breaks, and over the summer.

Campaign Against Summer Hunger:

School Ends, Hunger Begins

In an effort to fill the "hunger gap" that occurs when school is out and students lose access to free and reduced meals, the Campaign Against Summer Hunger fed more than 34,000 students and siblings, providing nearly 3.2 million nutritious meals; 39% of the food was fresh produce.

BackPack Program: Provides bags of kid-friendly, healthy food for students to take home to eat over the weekends and during holidays.

School & Family Pantry Program: Provides fresh produce, meats and groceries to families.

Food Distribution

In 2021, there were 734 food distributions per month through the Mobile Pantry program as well as distributions held at agency and program partner locations.

Mobile Pantries: Community members receive fresh produce, meats and groceries at different sites throughout the community.

Produce program: Mobile Farm Markets distribute fresh produce throughout the community. In 2021, of the 19 million pounds of food distributed, 5.9 million pounds was fresh produce.

Partner Agencies: Partner Agencies work with the food bank to provide food pantries and meals to our community.

Veterans pantry: Two Tuesdays per month, area veterans are invited to collect food during a Mobile Pantry at Church of the Palms in Sarasota. Veterans say that they are getting so much more than just food: survey results highlight the value of camaraderie and community among the veterans served there.

Hunger & Health

At All Faiths Food Bank, we believe hunger is a health issue. In 2019, we initiated a three-year pilot – funded in full by the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation – partnering with healthcare providers to screen families with children for food insecurity. Positive screens are referred to All Faiths Food Bank and clients are contacted by one of the organization's Benefits Specialists for additional assessment, connection with food resources, benefits assistance, and referrals for other community services.

In 2021, All Faiths Food Bank also partnered with the Sarasota County Health Department and regional coalition "Shots in Arms" to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at select All Faiths Food Bank distribution sites.

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Benefits Assistance

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As part of its commitment to address the root causes of hunger and meet people where they are, All Faiths has trained professionals available to assist clients with numerous benefits program applications and other services. These include:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP– formerly Food Stamps)
- Medicaid
- Florida KidCare, which offers free or low-cost health and dental insurance coverage
- VITA tax preparation
- SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery), which increases access to Social Security disability benefits for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

As the pandemic-inflamed eviction crisis continues for Floridians throughout the state, All Faiths has also recently joined the United Way Eviction Cohort, receiving a grant from United Way Suncoast to assist DeSoto County residents with rental/eviction application assistance and connect neighbors to needed services and support that will directly relate to reducing evictions.

Rural Hunger

In DeSoto County, where agriculture is the dominant industry, 68% of households struggle to afford basic needs such as housing, childcare, food, health care, and transportation. All Faiths' DeSoto County Food and Resource Center is designed to be the epicenter for needed resources – including food – with wrap-around services including benefits assistance, legal aid, group classes, referrals for other social services, and free tax preparation.

2021 BY-THE-NUMBERS





19 million Ibs Food distributed



39,221 Volunteer hours



17 million Meals distributed



734 Monthly food distributions



5.9 million Ibs Fresh produce



44% New community members served



36% increase in meals compared to pre-pandemic



477 Agencies and programs





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

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