

2022 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



20.9 million lbs Food Distributed



18 million Meals



5.8 million lbs

Fresh Produce

In Sarasota, 1 in 4 children is food insecure

LETTER From the CEO

As the world emerged from the pandemic in 2022, it felt like a well-deserved reprieve ... and then Hurricane Ian hit in September. As one of the lead emergency response organizations in Sarasota and the State of Florida, we began our response before the storm made landfall, moving food, water and generators to shelters, agencies and emergency food partners. For months, our team provided critical support in Sarasota and DeSoto counties as well as to the Harry Chapin Food Bank (and its partner agencies in Fort Myers) while it restored its facility and as they began the effort to address the devastating needs in Lee and Collier counties. A special shout-out to our warehouse team and amazing truck drivers, who were essential to getting food and water where they needed to go in frequently less-than-ideal conditions.

Last year, we implemented our new, progressive strategic plan that provides bold new ideas, approaches, and partnerships to address food insecurity as well as its systemic, root-level causes. There are four goals comprising the strategic plan – gaining a better understanding our neighbors' experience with hunger, addressing hunger from our neighbors' perspective, advancing our neighbors' economic mobility, and helping the wider community to understand that hunger is next door and that they can play a role in ending it – with ongoing measurements and adjustments to ensure actions are having the desired impact.

Our work continued in five primary program areas: childhood hunger, food distribution, hunger and health, benefits assistance, and rural hunger. We are currently broadening our food insecurity screening program, which helps us to better identify households that are food insecure in order to stop hunger before it begins, and expanding our DeSoto County Food and Resource Center, to better address rural hunger.

While an Annual Report is intended to look back at the previous year, I wanted to address this organization's future ... with a new CEO. I announced my retirement earlier this year and my intent to remain until a new leader is hired. A Search Committee and a renowned nonprofit executive search firm are currently hard at work recruiting a new visionary leader for All Faiths.

For the past 11 years, it has been my great honor and privilege to lead this incredible organization and I will cherish my final months at the helm. My top priority as I write this message is to make sure that All Faiths and its new CEO are set up for success; your continued, steadfast support will be critical in making that a reality.

Our mission to end hunger is at the center of everything we do – and will continue to do – in the years ahead. Thank you so much for your role in making our work possible.

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 21million 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







"The extra food that I receive from All Faiths Food Bank does a lot to help my family."



"I am grateful for what I receive, and the food is truly a blessing to me, thank you. It means that I can eat three times instead of once or twice a day."



"The services provided by All Faiths Food Bank let us eat well and help some families so they don't go hungry, thank you for all you do."

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER April – May



School Ends Hunger Begins

Since the start of the campaign in 2014, we have known that when school ends, hunger begins for more than 40,000 children. And now, as the cost of living surges in the face of growing inflation, so many families are working harder than ever to make ends meet.

Many Sarasota and DeSoto County students rely on free and reduced meals at school. The summer months can be especially difficult for the children of families struggling to put food on the table.

All Faiths Food Bank's **Campaign Against Summer Hunger** has become our community's strongest line of defense against child hunger. Through our partners and summer programs, we work hard to make sure children receive the help they need.





THANKFULL CAMPAIGN October – November



ThankFULL Tummies

ThankFULL Hearts

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 13,000 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.

2022 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 35,000 students and siblings, providing nearly 2.6 million nutritious meals.

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 2022, there were 756 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 2022, of the 20.9 million pounds of food distributed, 5.8 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.

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-inflated 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.

2022 BY-THE-NUMBERS



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 20.9 million lbs of food
- 18 million meals
- 5.8 million lbs of produce
- 756 monthly food distributions
- 262,420 household visits
- 61,576 individuals served
- 48,208 volunteer hours



CHILDHOOD HUNGER

- 295,000 backpacks distributed through 81 schools and child-focused programs to over 11,000 children
- **13** school pantries served almost **7,000** individuals, including children
- **35,222** children reached through summer programs



HUNGER & HEALTH

- 22,663 food insecurity screenings
- 43% of neighbors contacted were successfully referred to services



BENEFITS ASSISTANCE (Financial impact to the community)

- VITA refund **\$300,103**
- SNAP meals 606,998
- SNAP economic impact \$3.1 million



RURAL HUNGER (At DeSoto Food and Resource Center)

- 13,014 household visits
- 7,196 individuals served





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

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