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## Your Neighbors Are Giving Thanks for YOU!



Nelle S. Miller  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Neighbor,

I am so glad to share our spring issue of *Food for Thought* with you. Within these pages, you'll read heartfelt words of thanks from neighbors whose lives were bettered by your kindness this year.

Increased living costs are worrying many community members throughout Sarasota and DeSoto counties. As we all embrace the renewal of spring, I hope that you will think of our neighbors facing hunger and feel inspired by the impact we have made together through All Faiths Food Bank.

Soon, we will begin the annual *Campaign Against Summer Hunger* to help provide nutritious food for countless children who rely on school meals for consistent nutrition. Although summer may seem a long way off, it's getting closer every day — and we want to be ready for the sake of our community's children.

In preparation for the end of the school year, please join our annual *Campaign Against Summer Hunger* with a gift to help ensure we can meet the increased demand for healthy food all summer long.

In the meantime, please accept my sincere thanks for your generous partnership that brings hope and healthy food to so many children, families, seniors and veterans facing hunger. I am truly grateful for you.

Sincerely,

**Nelle S. Miller**  
President and CEO,  
All Faiths Food Bank

## Give smart and make a difference!

There are several ways to support 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.



**Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA):** All Faiths Food Bank and Feeding America have partnered to provide you with an opportunity to create a reliable, fixed income for your retirement while also making a valuable contribution to end hunger for years to come.



**CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
SUMMER HUNGER**  
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Join the Campaign Against Summer Hunger Kickoff  
**Walk to End Summer Hunger**

Sunday, March 24 at 8 AM  
Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota

Register at  
[allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org)

Match \$ for \$  
April 1 - May 15



A visit to the Riverview High School Mobile Food Pantry brings smiles to everyone in Klaudia's family.

## You Help Klaudia's Family Thrive

Four years ago, the family of three moved to Sarasota alongside Klaudia's mother, an involved grandmother. She often helps Klaudia manage the challenges of being a single parent, something that Klaudia says she's grateful for.

Although Klaudia is employed, the income isn't enough to cover every essential. Even with family help, Klaudia isn't always sure how to put food on the table. That's where your support comes in.

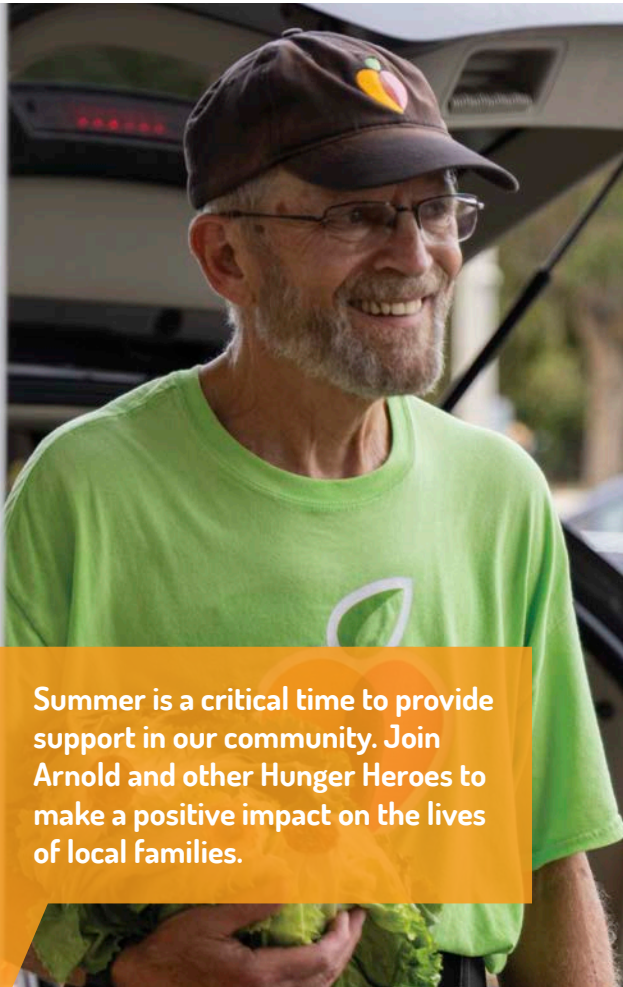
Thanks to your generosity, Klaudia and her children can drop by All Faiths Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry at Riverview High School to pick up nutritious foods, like produce, proteins and other staples.

These healthy ingredients make it possible for Klaudia to make homecooked meals for her children — something she says is important to her.

Nourishing food today means the children have the fuel to chase their

dreams tomorrow. Nova hopes to take a swimming class soon. And Dominick dreams of becoming a charter fisherman.

To our neighbors like Klaudia, Dominick and Nova, your support truly shares hope and health this spring. Thank you for helping end hunger in our communities!



## Arnold Makes Valuable Use of His Retirement Years

Since retiring, Arnold, 76, says he lives life by the three "Fs" — friends, free time and food.

He's called our community home for over seven years, and getting involved in the well-being of our neighbors was something he says he felt called to do.

Since his first volunteer shift through a group at his synagogue, Arnold has volunteered with All Faiths Food Bank three or four days each week. From sorting and packing food in the warehouse to handing out groceries at mobile distributions, he helps share health with anyone facing hunger.

"Seeing the appreciation and smiles on our clients' faces is what it's all about," he says.

Arnold encourages anyone who is interested to try out a volunteer shift with All Faiths Food Bank. "It is a wonderful charity serving the very basic and most essential needs of our community," he explains.

Thank you, Arnold, for your incredible dedication! We are so glad you choose to partner with us to end hunger.

Summer is a critical time to provide support in our community. Join Arnold and other Hunger Heroes to make a positive impact on the lives of local families.

# Kristen is Thankful for You!

A mother of three, Kristen always prioritizes taking care of her family and community above all. She works part-time taking care of seniors living with Alzheimer's.

As the sole provider for her three children, Kristen works hard to ensure there is enough food on the table. But ever since being laid off from her full-time job, it's been a challenge to pay for every essential.

Kristen noticed a flyer for All Faiths Food Bank at the Roy McBean Boys & Girls Club when dropping her son Kepler off for camp. She decided to check it out.

Your kind support of All Faiths Food Bank enables Kristen to bring home many healthy foods from the pantry for her family to enjoy, like fresh produce and shelf-stable staples.

She expressed her appreciation for the food and for your support, which relieves her stress during hard times. Your gift provides health and hope for Kristen and so many more neighbors!



Thanks to you, Kepler and Kristen can visit the Family Food Pantry for nutritious groceries.

## 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](mailto:rbradley@allfaithsfoodbank.org)



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