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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**ENDING  
HUNGER**  
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK





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# WE ARE

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Food gatherers | Distributors |  
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# OUR PRIORITY

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To help the most vulnerable first: children, seniors,  
veterans and people in crisis.

# APPROACH

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Our work is evidence-based and data driven. We focus on  
outcomes and impact, and our work is measurable.

# VALUES

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Collaborative | Transparent | Innovative  
Responsible | Respectful | Compassionate



# IMPACT



21.2 million lbs.

Food distributed



18.4 million

Meals



682

Monthly food distributions



In Sarasota,  
1 in 4  
children is  
food insecure

# LETTER

From the desk  
of our President  
and CEO



As we mark our 35<sup>th</sup> year serving neighbors facing hunger in our community, I want to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our donors, partners, staff and volunteers.

**Because of your kind hearts and unwavering support:**

*One fewer child faces the disappointment of opening an empty fridge...*

*One fewer single mom wrestles with the agonizing decision of which bill to leave unpaid to afford groceries...*

*And one fewer veteran is forced to go without life-saving medication...*

If you or a loved one have ever experienced a time of need, you undoubtedly understand the impact of a helping hand. It can lift someone from their lowest point – and instill a sense of hope.

Like most organizations, we have seen – and felt – the impacts of inflation, cost of living increases and supply chain challenges. Yet through it all, you have remained resolute in your dedication to ending hunger.

**Here are a few things we achieved together in 2023:**

- Served nearly **68,000 neighbors**
- Provided more than **18 million meals** – a remarkable increase of more than **281,000 meals** – even amid prolonged closures of agency partner distribution sites due to Hurricane Ian
- Distributed more than **320,000 "BackPacks"** of food to children facing hunger
- Expanded our School Pantry program from 13 to 20 sites – giving away healthy, nutritious food at seven additional locations across Sarasota and DeSoto counties
- Reached nearly **38,000 children** through our Summer Hunger programs
- Saw a **32% surge** in food insecurity screenings – identifying and then addressing the issue with more than **33,000 neighbors**
- Generated more than **\$3.6 million** in local economic activity through SNAP benefits assistance

While we have made significant strides, there is still much work ahead to ensure everyone in our community is fed. The reality that our neighbors are going hungry is both unimaginable and unacceptable. However, through our collective efforts, we will persist in advocating for change – and continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Thank you for all you do.

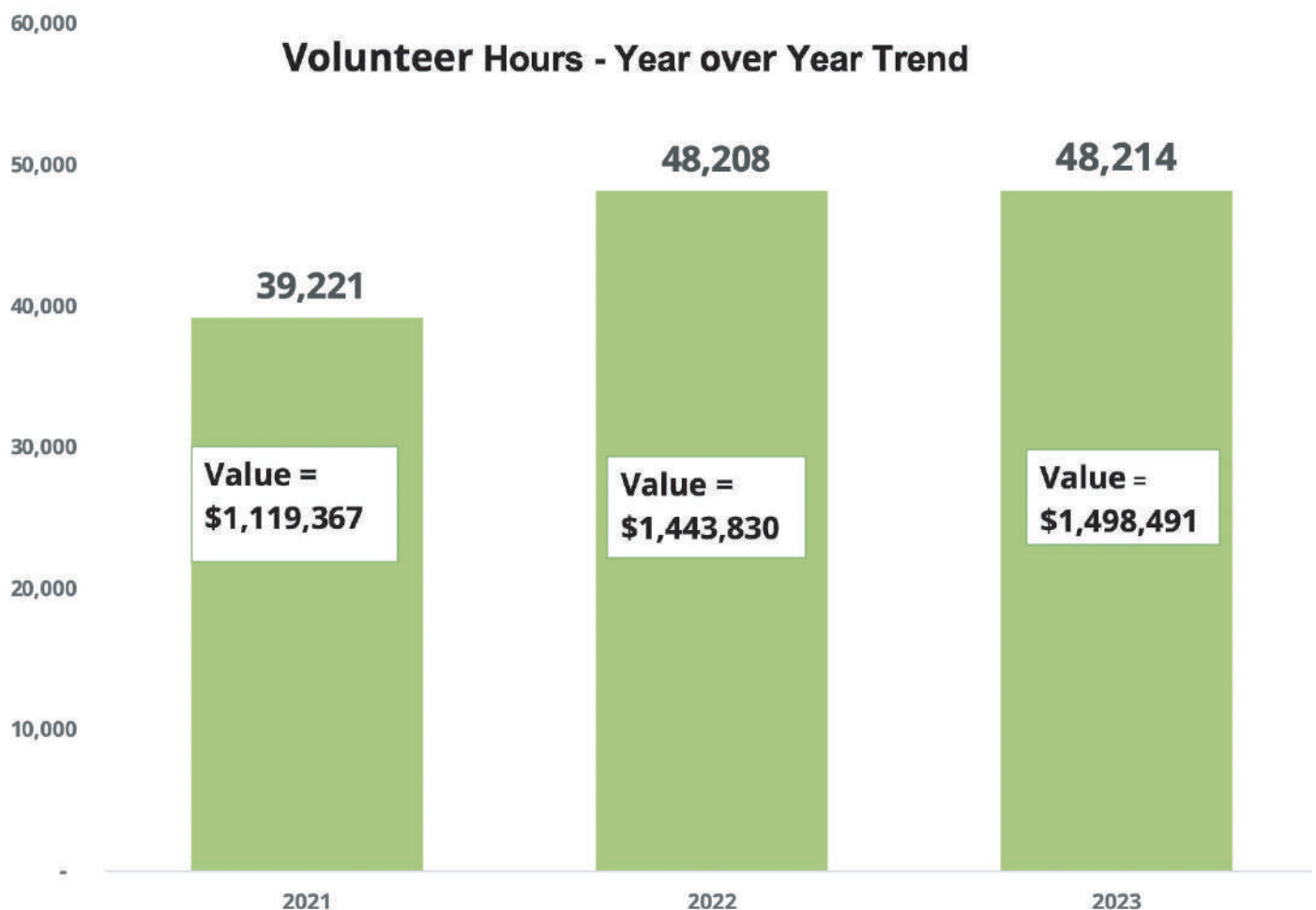
Nelle S. Miller  
President and CEO, All Faiths Food Bank



# VOLUNTEERS

## WE LOVE OUR HUNGER HEROES

Thousands of generous individuals, corporate groups, clubs, students and faith-based/civic organizations helped us sort and distribute nearly 22 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



"Thank you for all you do. Because of you, no one has to go hungry."

- LaVerne



"It helps me a great deal. It is hard getting by on very little. Thank you very, very much – each and every one of you. It is a blessing."

- Charles



"Some people may see this as something small. But for many of us this help means everything. It means we will have enough food to eat."

- Danielle



# CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER

## April – May



**SUMMERTIME**  
SHOULD BE THE BEST  
PART OF THE YEAR.

Sadly, **OVER 40,000** local kids will  
need food this summer.

**YOU can change that.**

Since the start of the campaign in 2014, we have known that when school ends, hunger begins for more than 40,000 local 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-cost 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

### Give Thnks

As living costs increase,  
even more help is needed.

You can turn empty  
plates into ThankFULL  
tummies

Give today at  
[allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org)  
941.379.6333



ThankFULL Tummies



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.

Give today at  
[allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org)  
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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.

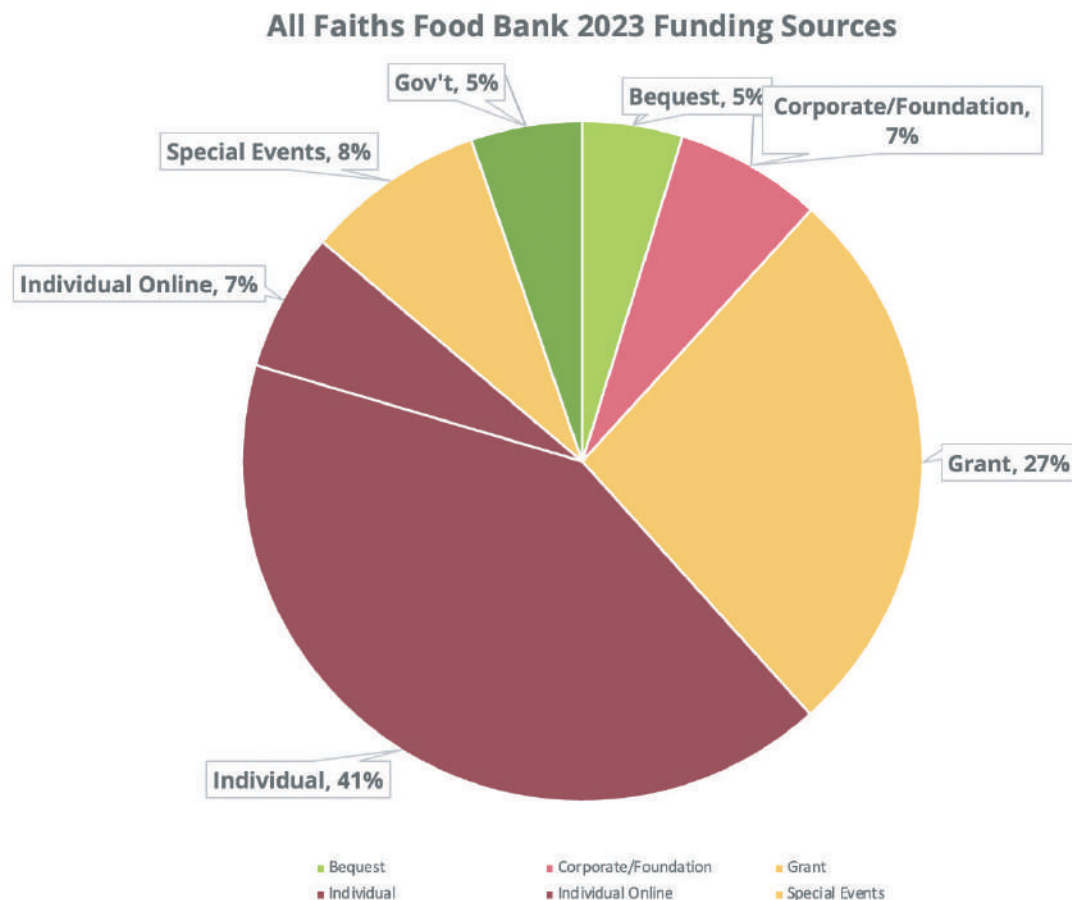
The **ThankFULL Hearts and Tummies** holiday campaign was created with the goal of transforming empty plates into ThankFULL hearts and tummies by providing meals for our neighbors who face hunger during the holiday season. ThankFULL Tummies helped provide more than 13,000 turkey dinners to families for 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.

## 2023 TOTAL PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT BY CATEGORY



Please visit [allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials](https://allfaithsfoodbank.org/financials) for our 990s and audited financials.

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

## Childhood hunger

All Faiths Food Bank's programs work to address the needs of children facing hunger 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-price meals, the Campaign Against Summer Hunger fed more than **37,000** students and siblings, providing nearly **2.7 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. In 2023, we distributed more than **320,000** "BackPacks" of food to children facing hunger.

**School and Family Pantry Program:** Provides fresh produce, meats and groceries to families. In 2023, we expanded this program from **13** to **20** sites – giving away healthy, nutritious food at seven additional locations across Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

## Food distribution

In 2023, there were **682** food distributions per month through the Mobile Pantry program as well as distributions held at agency and program partner locations.

**Mobile pantries:** Neighbors receive fresh produce, meats and groceries at different sites throughout the community.

**Produce Program:** Mobile farm markets distribute fresh produce throughout the community. In 2023, of the **21.2 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.



## Hunger & health

We believe hunger is a health issue. In 2019, we initiated a three-year pilot – funded 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

As part of its commitment to address the root causes of hunger and meet people where they are, All Faiths' trained professionals to assist neighbors 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.

All Faiths 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.

## Rural hunger

In DeSoto County, where agriculture is the dominant industry, **66%** 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.

# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS



**21.2M**  
pounds of food



**52,369**  
volunteer hours  
served



**682**  
monthly food  
distributions



**67,857**  
neighbors fed



**3.6M**  
in SNAP economic activity



**18.4M**  
meals



**292,901**  
household visits



**37,622**  
children reached  
through summer  
programs



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