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Your Neighbors Are Giving Thanks for YOU!



Nelle S. Miller
President and CEO

Dear Neighbor,

Our spring issue of *Food for Thought* is here, and I'm so glad to share it with you today. Every story of hope in these pages is possible, in part, because you choose to give — and for that, I want to thank you.

Your support is greatly appreciated, especially as hunger continues to impact the lives of our neighbors. Nearly 200,000 people in your communities are experiencing food insecurity as you read this. No matter who you are, that most likely includes someone you know.

That's why our Hunger is Close campaign exists. Because as long as hunger is nearby — maybe even next door — our partnership, and the work we're doing together, is essential.

I hope you will continue to stand with us in support of neighbors just like Maury and Marcella, p. 4, whose lives are enriched because you contribute to our hunger relief efforts, from *Hunger is Close* to our upcoming *Campaign Against Summer Hunger*.

When we work together in pursuit of a stronger, more nourished community, everyone benefits. Thank you again for investing in our shared future and helping to end hunger throughout Sarasota and DeSoto counties!

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 30 at 8 a.m.
Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota

Register at
allfaithsfoodbank.org

Renante and her daughter share thankful smiles!



You Help Renante's Family Thrive

As a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Renante wakes up every morning ready to care for our community and make it a healthier, happier place.

Six years ago, Renante moved from Haiti to join her husband in Sarasota. Now, her daughter attends Alta Vista Elementary School and especially loves attending summer camp.

Alta Vista is also a distribution location for All Faiths Food Bank. That means, when Renante swings by to pick up her daughter from school, she can also pick up nutritious groceries that are

essential to her daughter's growth and development, like fresh produce. She shared with us that her daughter particularly loves the fruits she brings home.

For so many, the cost of living is a barrier to food access, but because of you, the family can prepare healthy, delicious meals.

Renante is grateful for the support she receives today, which inspires her to work toward a stronger future. She looks forward to returning to nursing school soon and continuing to build a better life for her family. Thank you for giving so generously!

"Volunteering Makes Me Feel Good!"

During an average volunteer shift at All Faiths Food Bank's Dreamer's Academy school pantry, Lyn helps with mobile distributions, lends a hand for the Backpack program and carries on a tradition of giving back that began when she was a girl.

"Do it. Your heart will be so full."

"My whole life, I've given back," she shares. "We grew up like that."

Just after moving to Sarasota a few years ago, Lyn learned about our

mission through a piece of mail. Though she started as a financial donor, she soon decided she wanted to become hands-on in the fight against hunger.

In encouragement to anyone who's considering donating time, Lyn says, "Do it. Your heart will be so full."

Lyn's generous spirit is a guiding light to her daughter and granddaughter. When she's not volunteering, Lyn is most often spending time with them.

Thank you, Lyn, for dedicating your time to our shared mission. Your partnership is so appreciated!



Lyn has given back her whole life!

Full Plates for Maury and Marcella

When Maury, 29, moved to Sarasota with her daughter, Marcella, for a fresh start, she had a vision to create new opportunities for their family.

Marcella began attending school at Dreamer's Academy, where she could learn in a bilingual classroom, practicing both English and Spanish.

Dreamer's Academy is also where Maury first learned about All Faiths Food Bank.

There, Marcella is a part of the Backpack program, which is a valuable resource to the family. "It makes such a big difference...it really feels like a gift," Maury shares gratefully.

Maury has also attended the mobile distributions at the school. The support is so helpful to Maury, who is working hard to make ends meet on a single income from her work at a local restaurant.

"I don't know what we would be doing without it," she says.



Maury and Marcella visit the Mobile Distribution.



Hunger is close.

Please give. The need is right next door.



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