Events

The **10th Annual Empty Bowls Palm Beach** was a record-breaking success. We raised over **$136,000** to provide over **680,000 meals** to our neighbors in need here at home!



Thank you to all our event sponsors, donating restaurants and chairs – Rick & Cordella Miessau, Johanna Reyers, Amy Sullivan, Byron & Laura Russell – for making the fundraiser an exceptional event. Save the date as plans are underway for next year's event to be held on Friday, **February 23**, 2024.



Join us next month on Saturday, **September 30**, for the **2nd Annual Empty Bowls in the Gardens** hosted by Downtown Palm Beach Gardens! We are honored to present this year's event chairs and board members Eileen Acello and Nancy Bolton. It will be a SOUP-er good time!

In the Fall, we hope to see you at the **8th Annual Empty Bowls Delray Beach** on Saturday, **December 9**, at Trinity Delray Lutheran Church and School! This year's magnificent event chairs are John and Diane Brewer.

General admission tickets include soups from local restaurants, artisanal bread from Old School Bakery, bottled water, a hand-painted ceramic bowl, and a swag bag. VIP ticket guests also receive catered light bites and alcoholic beverages. We are looking forward to a fantastic season of Empty Bowls. Let's *eat simply so others may simply eat*!



For more information, restaurants, and sponsorships, visit
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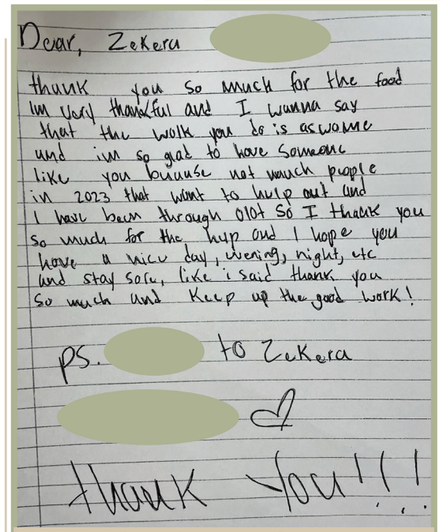
Volunteer Spotlight: Larry K.



Larry's commitment to service began during his time with the USDA, where he worked supporting food banks. After retiring, Larry felt called to continue his work in South Florida. Larry volunteers because he believes, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." Thank you so much for the **100-plus service hours** you've given to our community!

Without volunteers we would need to hire 25 employees. That would cost the Food Bank over *one million dollars a year*! Our volunteers are priceless. We appreciate you all!

Programs


Dear, Zekera

thank you so much for the food im very thankful and I wanna say that the work you do is awsome and im so glad to have someone like you because not much people in 2023 that want to help out and I have been through alot so I thank you so much for the help and I hope you have a nice day, evening, night, etc and stay sore, like i said thank you so much and Keep up the good work!

ps. to Zekera

Thank You!!!

This student is one of **38,000 children** living in a food-insecure household. He does not always know what he will eat or when.

Our Programs team works day in and day out to serve over **200 partner agencies** in the county, including schools, churches, shelters, soup kitchens, and food pantries. Liz, Senior Manager of Hunger Relief, Zekera, Childhood Hunger Initiatives Manager, and Johanna, Program Coordinator, make sure our *Partner Marketplace, Pop-Up Farmers Market, Groceries for Seniors, and Childhood Hunger Initiatives* nourish an average of **200,000 community neighbors monthly**.

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No contribution is too small

Every food drive, fund drive, and monetary gift makes a difference in providing meals for our neighbors in need. Ms. Morisset, Boynton Beach Community High School Science Teacher, showed that when she inspired her chapter of National Honor Society students to give back this spring.



Between February and April, Morisset motivated her students to gather food to fill two of our three-foot tall food drive cardboard bins. The students collected **61 pounds** of food to provide **51 meals** for our Partner Marketplace partner agencies! Ms. Morisset says, "We hope to increase this number even more so next school year!"

You can start a food drive today. It's easy. After filling out the Food Bank's food drive request form on our website, our Community Engagement Coordinator, will reach out to assist you with collection bins, picking up your donations, and setting up your fund drive page if you are raising funds.

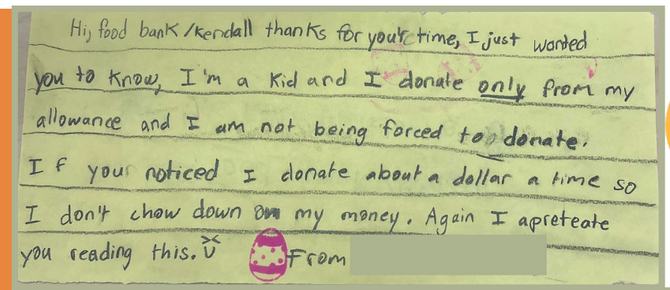


Read more about food drives held for the Food Bank on page three!

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Hi, food bank / Kendall thanks for your time, I just wanted you to know, I'm a kid and I donate only from my allowance and I am not being forced to donate. I f your noticed I donate about a dollar a time so I don't chow down on my money. Again I apreteate you reading this. From



Small acts of kindness.

This young donor's $1 gift, which she so generously contributes from her allowance, will provide five meals to our Palm Beach County neighbors in need this summer.

When you give, you turn hunger into hope.

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Dear Neighbor,

Many big, transformational changes are underway at the Food Bank, but many small, inspirational moments made up this year. Looking back at this spring and where we are headed this summer, I'm reminded of the small acts of kindness that provided more than **11 million meals** to our Palm Beach County neighbors over the past 12 months.

With ***Hunger Action Month*** approaching in September, no action is too small. We offer several opportunities to take action through our robust volunteer program, monthly food drive campaigns, event partnerships, and online giving. Because orange is the official color of hunger, I also encourage you to wear orange on ***Hunger Action Day***, September 23, to raise awareness about the food insecurity **132,000** of our neighbors face here at home.

Together, we are nourishing our neighbors in need with nutritious food they can depend on. I cannot thank you enough for your support in providing hunger assistance for our community. Your acts of kindness are what move our mission forward in alleviating hunger.

With gratitude,

Jamie

Jamie Kendall, CEO

Lois Pope and LIFE's 29th Annual Lady in Red Gala

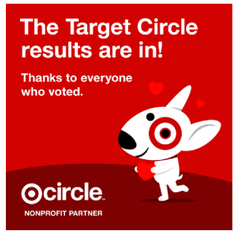


The Food Bank is once again one of two nonprofit recipients of Lois Pope and LIFE's Lady in Red Gala proceeds. The extraordinary evening **raised $450,000** for the Food Bank's Childhood Hunger Initiatives Lois' Food4Kids program! This incredible gift will provide 2.2 million meals!

Lois' Food4Kids provides meals in backpacks to over **5,500 students** and their families every weekend, summer, and throughout the holidays. We are immensely thankful to Lois Pope and LIFE for their tremendous support in alleviating hunger.

Corporate Spotlight

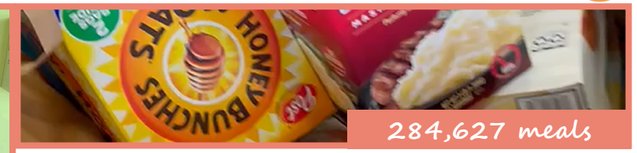
The results are in! After receiving **155,915 votes** from Target shoppers, the Target Circle Giving Program **donated $5,011.48** to the Palm Beach County Food Bank! With generous votes and funding, we will provide **25,055 meals** to Palm Beach County neighbors experiencing food insecurity. This donation came from a larger pool of funds donated from Target to nonprofits tied to the local community.



Food and Fund Drives

Florida Atlantic University American Marketing Association with FAU Beyond Food, lead by Eileen Acello, Food Bank Board member. Students placed bins and original flyers in dorms.





Anonymous donation of **9,362 pounds** of food and a **$55,365 gift** to provide 284,627 meals! Over 15 pallets of food were collected.

The food drive helped FAU Beyond Food apply to become a Food Bank partner agency so we can provide food to FAU students year-round!

Start a food drive in 3 easy steps today!
1. Pick a location.
2. Set a date.
3. Scan the QR code below to register.

The Mirasol Foundation and community held a one-day drive in April where they collected **854 pounds** of food.





On May 13, the 31st Annual National Association of Letter Carriers **Stamp Out Hunger** Food Drive collected **17,615 pounds** of food!

The **Inaugural Meal Build Food Drive** participants, **Suffolk Construction**, created a 4,300-canned food structure weighing **4,000 pounds** using a 3D model with a team of 11 over 10 hours!
Thank you *Suffolk and WPBF News 25* for covering Meal Build 2023.







A team of seven **Food Bank staff** designed a giant can weighing **855 pounds** using 912 15-ounce cans to raise awareness about the hunger *132,000* of our neighbors face everyday.

Join us in May 2024 for the 2nd Annual Meal Build Food Drive!





Devonshire at PGA National held their *2nd annual food drive* in June to benefit the Food Bank. Flyers and thirteen donation bins were placed around the community for residents to easily donate shelf-stable foods.

The **Town of Lantana, Lantana Municipal Library, and the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce** collected canned food under the leadership of **Mayor Karen Lythgoe**.



The Shake FL jammed for a cause during their *2nd Shake and Bake Food Drive* by donating all admissions (canned food and monetary) from their ten-band concert in June.

Scan to start your food drive today!

We're grateful to everyone who donated to, hosted, and supported a food drive. You turn hunger into hope for thousands of neighbors in need. It's never too late to make a difference! For a schedule of monthly themed-food drives, visit pbcfoodbank.org/donate-food.