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Hunger Fight Quarterly Newsletter



Hunger Fight News and Highlights





YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE CHILDREN

For many children, school is more than a place to learn. It is also a place of security, friendship, and a place that provides them meals to eat that they may not receive at home. For the families whose children are on the Federal Free and Reduced Meal Plan, the meals they receive while in school help them provide much-needed nutrition to their children. During the weekends, many parents struggle to make ends meet and healthy food isn't always a priority or even a possibility. The onset of the pandemic and the subsequent cancellation or modification of in-school learning has significantly impacted the availability of food to the children, families, and seniors who need it most. This is where Hunger Fight steps in.

Through our Feed the Backpack initiative and our collaborative relationships with other programs and partners, we are working tirelessly to get food into the hands of those in need. Now, more than ever, we need your financial support and your volunteer hours to help us continue to help children and families through these difficult times. Won't you help Hunger Fight feed children this week? Click HERE to donate now to our Feed the Backpack program or call our office to volunteer today (904) 374-5623!





Dear Volunteers,

We very much appreciate your support during this challenging time. Your willingness to help out wherever there is a need is greatly appreciated. Thank YOU!

Hunger Fight Partners with Community Agencies to Distribute Food

Meal Distributions

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our communities with no end in sight. The ability of children, families, and seniors who have been furloughed from or lost jobs to meet nutritional needs is as challenging and difficult as ever. Hunger Fight has joined with other feeding agencies in Clay, Duval, Volusia, and Flagler counties to distribute food to those who need help. Since the onset of the pandemic, Hunger Fight has participated in food drops or assisted with food distribution along with the Daytona Dream Center, Waste Not Want Not, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, Iglesia Misionera, and other organizations and churches to get food in the hands of those who need it. Want to help out?

- Click HERE to donate to help bring food to the local community.
- Need food? Watch our Facebook page for the next food distribution location and date.

Hunger Fight Partners with Notre Dame Alumni

Notre Dame Alumni is hosting a virtual food drive benefitting Hunger Fight. The virtual food drive will help Hunger Fight continue the work it has been doing since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in meeting the increased demand for food in our communities. With thousands of children in the Jacksonville area relying on schools for meals, Hunger Fight is working to ensure that children have enough food during school closures and weekends to supply needed nutrition for their bellies and to provide books to feed their brains. We are very appreciative of Notre Dame's support. Want to support the Notre Dame Alumni virtual food drive? Text "NDHunger" to 41444 or Click HERE



ARBY's Foundation Grants $23,200 to Hunger Fight

Arby's Foundation and its local restaurants continue to support Hunger Fight in its mission to eradicate hunger in children, families, and seniors. We are very grateful for their donation and for the many Arby's employees that came out to help us pack meals to distribute to those in need.

Hunger Fight and Zephyrhills - Good New Grants

Zephyrhills awarded Hunger Fight its "Good News Grant," as part of its "Feel Good Movement" in Florida. The grants, awarded to charitable organizations across Florida, are to further the work the organizations are doing in their local communities by telling their inspiring stories. Hunger Fight is honored and humbled to have been selected as an honoree/recipient. Click HERE to read more.

Hunger Fight has Gone "Virtual"

Virtual learning. Virtual reality. Virtual Assistant. What's Next? Virtual packing events! Yes, Hunger Fight has gone "virtual" for those who are hesitant or unable to join others at our standard packing events. These events offer you the opportunity to continue supporting your community during these difficult times while maintaining social distancing. Your involvement will be reflected in your displayed branding and captured during the live-stream video. Want to learn more? Click HERE

UTZ Snacks Helping to Feed Those in Need

We are so very grateful for the many snack donations we have received from our friends at UTZ Snacks. These have been distributed as part of our participation in community food drops along with our meal packs. UTZ makes a variety of different, tasty, and nutritious snacks, and their generosity and support of the work that we do to help feed those who are hungry is greatly appreciated.





Annual Thanksgiving Packing Events

7th Annual Thanksgiving Community Outreach Event

We are getting closer to our 7th Annual Community Thanksgiving Packing Events! Throughout the month of November, we will be hosting multiple-day packing events at our warehouse. This will allow all of our partners the opportunity to continue to come together to pack meals and help our community while maintaining social distancing. Click HERE to learn more or to sign up TODAY!



Community Auction

Hunger Fight is partnering with Community Auctions in communities around Florida and South Georgia to help raise money to support our programming. Community Auctions event tables are placed in local businesses, helping to raise awareness for Hunger Fight and the work that we do. To date, Hunger Fight has auction tables in 18 businesses including 2 in Jacksonville, 4 in Gainesville, 10 in Tallahassee, and 2 in Daytona, with new tables being added daily. Visit www.communityauctions.com to learn more about how you can support Hunger Fight!



How a Birthday Gift Turned Into a Gift To Others

Charlotte Corbitt is one of Hunger Fight's many young volunteers. She has been volunteering with her mom, Catherine, to help package meals for children and families at risk for hunger. With her 13th birthday coming up, Charlotte decided to do something different, something that could help those she volunteers to support. Instead of gifts, Charlotte asked her family and friends to help her raise money for Hunger Fight, and they responded enthusiastically! Charlotte recently dropped by the Hunger Fight office with her birthday "gift:" $500!

"It touches my heart when I see young people, like Charlotte, volunteering to make the world a better place," said Sherri Porter, Hunger Fight's CEO. "Charlotte's unselfish gesture is a great testament to her and her family, as well as other teens who feel driven to help those less fortunate. We are humbled and truly grateful to have Charlotte and her parents as part of the Hunger Fight family." Want to learn how you can volunteer or donate to Hunger Fight? Visit our website today.

IN THE NEWS

September was a busy month for Hunger Fight. In addition to the wonderful funding and partnership opportunities that we were blessed with, we also were busy packing meals!

KFASearch, led by Kathleen Hatter Fehling, brought together 140 volunteers to pack meals. In 2 ½ hours, Kathy and her team packaged 34,272 nutritious meals and 1,200 books, that will be distributed to Long Branch Elementary School students in Jacksonville, FL. Click HERE to hear in Kathy's own words why she chose to partner with Hunger Fight to help her community. What about the volunteers? Click HERE to hear their stories.

River City Church - River City Church members and volunteers gathered together to partner with Hunger Fight to package over 16,000 meals and 500 books. We are so very grateful for their time, laughter, and energy to help those in need in our community. Click HERE to listen to an interview with their Pastor.

New Life Baptist Church - Our friends and partners in Yulee have gathered twice, packing 10,500 and 9,072 meals respectively. We are very excited to be working together with them to help feed hungry children and families in our communities.

FBCH + One More Child - The Hunger Fight team traveled to Windermere to the Family Church Windermere Campus to partner with local volunteers and pack 15,000 meals. It was a great day that will impact thousands of children and families in need. Click HERE to see our event.

4th Annual Marion County -Our 4th Annual Marion County Packing Event was held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Along with our community partners that joined us that day, we packed over 40,000 meals and 1,150 books that will be distributed to the schools in Ocala. Click HERE to see an interview with one of our partners.

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