ANNUAL REPORT

2014

600 Agency Partners in 10 Counties

Over 38 Million Meals Delivered to Hungry Neighbors

Feeds 700,000 Hungry Tampa Bay Residents, 250,000 are Children

FEEDING AMERICA Tampa Bay

Because no one should go hungry.
We All Know What Hunger Looks Like, Right?
The malnourished child who has few clothes and no shoes or the homeless man sitting on the street being passed by with little regard. Or do we?

Thanks to Hunger in America 2014*, we can see the reality of hunger here in our own backyards. It is vastly different than the picture that has been painted for us. In fact, there’s a good chance you’ve talked to or interacted with someone today who is in need of food, but you just don’t know it.

The consequences for our community and neighbors if we don’t address the hunger issue are too severe to ignore.

24% of households we serve have at least one member in poor health, involving cases of diabetes and high blood pressure. When health is compromised, nutrition and medicine become vital components to restoring it. For someone who is compromised, nutrition and medicine become especially dangerous to them and their future.

Children who are hungry are most vulnerable, and the consequences can be especially dangerous to them and their future. When children are hungry, they:
• Cannot concentrate
• Perform worse in school
• Experience limited intellectual, physical and emotional development
• Become sick more often
• Experience more social and behavioral problems
• React negatively to environmental stress
• Are at risk for hindered cognitive development

This is what hunger is. This is what hunger will do. And this is our opportunity to make a difference...

BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY.

*Hunger in America 2014 is the most comprehensive examination of hunger in the US.
Programs

FOOD PROGRAMS

Feeding America Tampa Bay supplies emergency food relief to thousands of food insecure individuals in the Tampa Bay area. In 2014, Feeding America Tampa Bay distributed over 38 million meals to our hungry neighbors in the 10 counties we serve. This was accomplished through a network of over 600 agency partners, community initiatives and food distribution programs. A few of our programs that helped us feed our hungry neighbors include:

**MOBILE PANTRIES**

Many of the hungry individuals FATB serves cannot afford transportation to a food bank or pantry. Mobile Pantries allow FATB to bring healthy, nutrient-dense food directly into neighborhoods and communities that are high in need. Each mobile pantry serves 200-400 families within two hours, and provides the individuals and families with a 20-30 lb. box of food, enough food to last a family of four for three to four days.

**BACKPACK PROGRAM**

The Backpack Program provides children in need with a bag of food to take home over the weekend when they are not in school. Many of our food insecure children do not eat between Friday afternoon and Monday morning. This program addresses this issue and allows these children to come back to school on Monday well-prepared to learn and succeed. We currently distribute over 1,300 bags per week to the children in our area.

**AFTER SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM**

Through a variety of partnerships with existing community locations where children go for after-school activities, FATB provides free meals and snacks to low-income children. Often, this is the only hot meal these kids receive. Our community partners include Boys and Girls Clubs, after-school programs and churches. The idea is that these kids are getting more than the meal - they are getting the meal in a safe place where they are encouraged to expand their educational, social and recreational skills.

**SNAP OUTREACH**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (commonly known as “food stamps”) helps millions of low-income Americans put food on the table and targets our most vulnerable citizens – households with children, elderly, and disabled members.

Since the FATB SNAP Outreach began in August of 2014, we have assisted 220 people in applying for and submitting their SNAP applications, resulting in nearly $10,000 of awarded SNAP benefits.

**HOW**

FATB Operates

There are more than 200 Feeding America food banks across the United States that serve more than 63,000 agencies providing meals or food to the public on a regular basis. The USDA estimates that these organizations distribute more than 2.5 billion pounds of food to the hungry every year.

Feeding America Tampa Bay (FATB) acts as West Central Florida’s hub for hunger relief by partnering with more than 600 local charities and food partners to distribute emergency food supplies.

Feeding America Tampa Bay provides nutrition to over 700,000 hungry people in the Tampa Bay community each year. Last year, FATB provided over 38 million meals into the community.

However, the regional need is more than 110 million meals.

**GATHER**

Each year billions of pounds of food go to waste, while at the same time over 850 million people do not have enough to eat. Food banks acquire donated food, much of which would otherwise be wasted, from retail stores, farms, manufacturers, distributors, consumers, and other sources, and make it available to those in need through a network of agency partners.

**SHARE**

Food banks are distribution facilities that secure, warehouse, repack and distribute food to partner agencies and charities. Although local charities sometimes receive donations directly from private citizens or businesses, they often turn to food banks as their primary source for staple, nutritious foods.

**FEED**

Feeding America Tampa Bay is able to distribute food directly to clients through programs like mobile pantries and children’s programs. Programs like these open possibilities for the hungry in Tampa Bay to receive healthier, nutrient-dense foods that would normally not be available to them.

**O County Service Map**

Citrus County
Hardee County
Hernando County
Hillsborough County
Highlands County
Manatee County
Pasco County
Pinellas County
Polk County
Sumter County

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With the help of our donors and volunteers, we:

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- DISTRIBUTED over 38 million meals (or 46 million pounds of food) to individuals and families who face hunger every day.
- PROVIDED over 2,500 children monthly through our community outreach programs – Weekend Backpack Program, School Pantries, After-School Meal Program – providing nearly 42,000 meals each month to the hungry children in our community.

Donated Food/Household Items $64,687,955
Contributions $1,350,292
Special Events $220,410
Government Contracts $328,860
Shared Maintenance $918,748
Premier Product Program $54,226
Programs (grants) $776,913
Donated Assets $94,145
TOTAL REVENUE $68,431,548

Feeding America Tampa Bay is a 4-star Charity Navigator nonprofit organization. We’re proud that more than 98.9% of our funds goes directly to supporting our mission.

BANK OF AMERICA is a fundamental partner of Feeding America Tampa Bay (FATB) year after year, showing a vast commitment to hunger relief that enables FATB to move its mission forward. They change the future of our community in positive and uplifting ways. Not only do they give money, they give time, resources, and most importantly opportunity – opportunity for FATB and for our hungry neighbors.

Feeding America Tampa Bay has grown exponentially in the last several years. In 2011, FATB delivered over 15 million meals into the community to over 38 million meals in 2014. Much of this growth can be attributed to supporters like Bank of America.

Bank of America awarded FATB the Neighborhood Builders Award, an award that was established to address community development, basic human services, workforce development and education. By leveraging the full resources of their company, Bank of America was able to create this program that provides grants and leadership development to nonprofits in the community. Through this investment, they are helping nonprofit leaders tackle issues and build a stronger presence within local communities, which has enabled FATB to grow strategically and address the changing needs of the hungry residents in the Tampa Bay area.

In addition to investment, Bank of America employees of all levels and from various branches dedicated nearly 1,500 volunteer hours at the food bank. That’s 250 days of service! Senior leadership also became familiar faces here at FATB, which shows a true strength in the leadership that filters down throughout the entire organization in our region.

Through time, effort, and financial commitment, Bank of America has truly impacted our hungry neighbors by providing the opportunity for better futures. They have taken the hope of so many people and turned that hope into reality. Children can now go to school and focus on their studies rather than their empty stomachs. They can grow and develop into healthy, strong individuals with limitless opportunities in their future. Families can focus on what is truly important instead of worrying about an empty pantry or other household bills that won’t get paid. Seniors can afford their medicine without sacrificing their meal, helping to build strength and improve their health.

Feeding America Tampa Bay is humbled and grateful that hunger relief is one of the core issues of Bank of America’s philanthropic commitment, and we know our community will thrive for years to come because of people and organizations like Bank of America who commit on every level to helping our hungry neighbors in West Central Florida.

“Many individuals and families still struggle to access basic necessities and face difficult financial decisions, such as choosing between putting food on the table and paying for health care. That’s why Bank of America partners with nonprofits such as Feeding America Tampa Bay that are providing critical access to food and benefits to reach individuals at their immediate point of need.”

- Bill Goede, Bank of America Tampa Bay President
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