ANNUAL REPORT

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.
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 struggles to pay for both food and medicine, ensuring he/she has proper nutrition and treatment is not possible. It becomes a vicious cycle, where health worsens, medical bills increase, and they become even more in need.

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."
2014 was a year where Feeding America Tampa Bay saw great internal and external progress towards our goal of ensuring that no one goes hungry. All years seem to have their character and I would describe ours as a year of great vibrancy. This may seem like an unusual word choice, but as I reflected on our year, it’s one that came to mind time and again.

We started the year with a bang by being named the non-profit of the year by WEDU. An honor beyond our expectations, but one we felt worthy of (barely) and were proud to hang out a banner designating us as such. Among the many reasons we were selected, the main impetus was the idea that we are the vibrant center of all food relief here in Tampa Bay. As we go, so goes the success of food distribution. As the center of close to 600 agency partners, we ensure food moves throughout our area fast, effectively and efficiently.

The year also saw us receive the Neighborhood Builders Award from Bank of America. This was another distinctive honor, but one that allowed us to begin the process of reinvigorating our service to the community, bringing a greater vibrancy to several key programs. In 2014 we added a food sourcing person to our team, whose sole responsibility is to locate more food. Sounds simple enough, but it was an investment that allowed us to reach greater heights in the number of meals distributed. We also added a SNAP outreach coordinator who helps our community by connecting at-risk seniors with benefits they may otherwise not be aware of. Keeping seniors in a grocery store and out of a food line is a priority we can all agree upon. Finally, the great support from Bank of America assisted us in developing greater fresh food resources – allowing us to move even more nutritious produce than ever before.

We were approached during the year by the Tampa Bay Lightning to see if we could connect with a partner of theirs who wanted to feed local children. We, of course, said yes and were introduced to a brand new friend of the food bank, Laser Spine Institute (LSI). The three of us teamed up and the partnership was born – one that has moved hunger relief and our children’s Backpack program ahead by leaps and bounds. The best part of this story is how collaboration and cooperation bring about vibrant results. We got the local Boys and Girls Clubs involved as well as several local schools in the area, and suddenly an astounding 1,300 backpacks were being sent home with children every week, each filled with 5 meals to last for the weekend. All of this took shape through Give and Grub (www.giveandgrub.com), a unique program created by LSI wherein each meal purchased in the community generates one for a hungry child. How vibrant is that?

Of course, how we really measure ourselves is by meals on tables. This fundamental metric allows us to understand how much we’ve done, but also how far we must still go. Last year we distributed over 38 million meals; an astonishing number, certainly. But, in our 10 county service area our goal is 110 million – the exact number we’d need to feed everyone. We gained ground, but still have further to go. We were both vibrant and effective in 2014 – onward to 2015.

- Thomas Mantz, Executive Director
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, repackage 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.

10 COUNTY SERVICE MAP

Citrus County
Hardee County
Hernando County
Highlands County
Hillsborough County
Manatee County
Pasco County
Pinellas County
Polk County
Sumter County
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 ten counties we serve. It 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 can 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.
2014 HIGHLIGHTS

PROVIDED over 38 million meals (or 46 million pounds of food) to individuals and families who face hunger every day.

DISTRIBUTED an average of 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.

EXECUTED 130 successful mobile pantry distributions, delivering over one million meals to our greatest at-risk populations.

SERVED AS THE HUB of volunteer activity in the community, for individuals and businesses with almost 70,000 volunteer hours – the equivalence of 33 full-time staff.

WERE NAMED WEDU 2014 Non-profit of the Year

AWARDED Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award

“Bank of America is proud to have selected Feeding America Tampa Bay as one of our Neighborhood Builders, a pinnacle grant award for us. We know this grant empowered Feeding America Tampa Bay to strengthen its infrastructure and thereby create more capacity to help the Tampa Bay community and bring stability to those most in need.”

- Bill Goede, Bank of America Tampa Bay President

Feeding America Tampa Bay is a 4-star Charity Navigator nonprofit organization. We’re proud that more than 98% of our funds goes directly to supporting our mission.
PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY

There are donors who give, and there are donors who invest. There are partners who help their community and there are partners who transform their community. Among those who invest and transform is Bank of America.

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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