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## Stand with Feeding Tampa Bay Fact Sheet

### The Intersection of Tampa Bay's Social Services

Feeding Tampa Bay is the backbone of hunger relief across 10 counties in West Central Florida – connecting food-insecure individuals and families with access to meals. Through direct distribution programs, partnerships with more than 478 local charities, food pantry partners and generous supporters, Feeding Tampa Bay served more than 66 million meals last year alone. From natural disasters and government shutdowns to global pandemics and other uncontrollable factors, Feeding Tampa Bay serves on the front lines of our community when in need – we see firsthand the individuals and families impacted by devastation.

### Hunger Magnified Amid the Pandemic

Hunger in Tampa Bay happens every day to everyday people – hardworking individuals and families who are one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity. But in the last six months, more than 1 million people in Tampa Bay find themselves now food insecure. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for food and stability surged in our community by 400%. Even before COVID-19, there were more than 650,000 families and individuals in Tampa Bay who did not have basic access to food.

### Current Need

- 1 million+ are food insecure in our 10-county region
- 1 in 6 are adults
- 1 in 4 are children
- 68% have never been in a food line before

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## Feeding Tampa Bay's Leadership & Response

- Currently serving up to 2 million meals a week
- We are forecasting serving 85 million meals this year
- 98% of all donations go directly toward our mission
- We have hired 78 furloughed workers to date throughout the COVID-19 pandemic
- Across 10 Mega Pantries each week, we serve an estimated 9,438 households and provide 408,618 pounds/340,515 meals
  - Monday: Polk (Lakes Church) & Hillsborough (USF - Yuengling)
  - Tuesday: Manatee (DeSoto Mall)/Hillsborough (Radiant Church)
  - Wednesday: Hillsborough (Crossover)/HCC Southshore
  - Thursday: Pasco (Burks Memorial Park) & Hillsborough (HCC Brandon)
  - Friday: N/A
  - Saturday: Hillsborough (HCC Dale Mabry) & Pinellas (Tropicana Field)
- Mobile pantries have increased from 40 to 150 per month
- Groceries on the Go truck has officially relaunched and accepts SNAP/EBT payment
- Meal production for Trinity: prepared meals and homebound meal delivery = 10,000/week

## About Feeding Tampa Bay

As one of the nation's top hunger relief organizations, Feeding Tampa Bay is ending hunger by fueling human potential in every family, child and senior across our 10-county region. By leveraging the daily connection around a meal, the organization is evolving its partnerships, programs and services with a goal to break down barriers and create long-term health and capability in the lives of the individuals it serves. In response to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, Feeding Tampa Bay has evolved its services by almost doubling its reach to serve 2 million meals weekly and anticipates it will serve up to 85 million meals this year. Today, Feeding Tampa Bay and its community stand together to lift the families we serve, **because food makes tomorrow possible.**