

2019 - 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

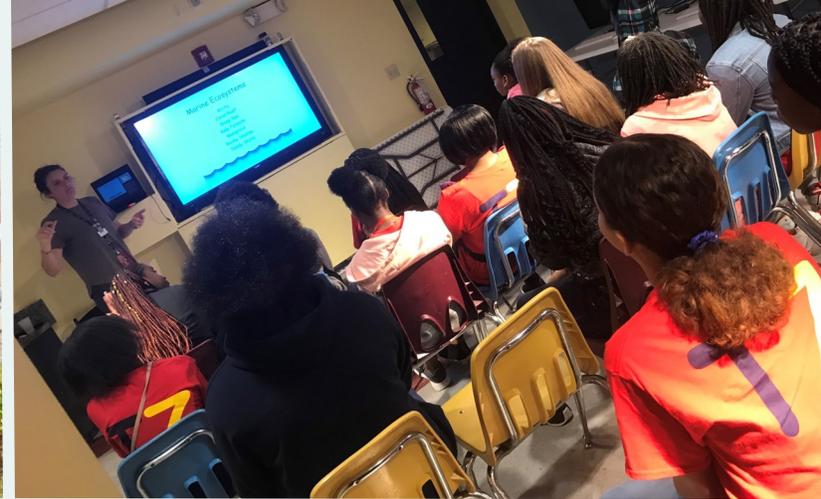


Nurturing the Body, Mind and Spirit of underprivileged children in our community.



Creating a community where children and youth are empowered to reach their full potential.





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“I wouldn’t have tried as hard without Food Brings Hope. It made me set my goals higher. It grew me as a person.”

MEET NINA SAMUELS

Nina Samuels was one of Food Brings Hope’s FBHonors earliest students, becoming involved in the program the year of its inception a decade ago at Westside Elementary. Nina says her parents love the program and the opportunities it has offered. Since 4th grade, Nina has been a member of FBHonors and has always made academics a priority, always ranking in the top 5% of her class. Recently, a medical examiner from St. John’s County, Dr. Deanna Oleske, invited Nina to shadow her in the Medical Examiner’s Department after learning about her interest in forensic medicine from a Daytona Beach News Journal article featuring Nina.

She currently is in her senior year at Mainland High School and after graduation plans to pursue a college education in medicine and a career as a forensic pathologist. The 17 year-old said she would carry the wisdom gained in Food Brings Hope’s FBHonors program with her when she walks out of Mainland High School’s doors for the last time and steps into adulthood as a college student at the University of South Florida.

“With the help of Food Brings Hope, we have truly become a community program and made strong connections with the families we serve, acting as liaisons between families and community resources.”



MEET BRANDON WINGFIELD

Brandon Wingfield is one of FBH’s superstar sponsors and the cornerstone of Turie T. Small Elementary’s KidsZone program. “Food Brings Hope has allowed me to show students a full range of life opportunities available to them, share my personal experiences, and try to be a mentor they can always count on,” Brandon says. Each year, Coach Wingfield develops creative themes to keep students engaged and learning and parents involved. His program at Turie T. Small incorporates academic lessons with hands-on learning, provides extensive enrichment activities, and builds deep relationships with Food Brings Hope’s families focusing on the impact that can be made.

Brandon very effectively pivoted from a face to face afterschool program to a daily virtual one for eight weeks during the summer. Weekly attendance incentives were awarded with the goal of keeping students motivated and successfully learning throughout the summer. Sixteen students had perfect attendance through all eight daily sessions of the forty-day program. Brandon delivered special prizes directly to their homes at the conclusion of the program. Food Brings Hope is very proud of the Turie T. students’ success and that of Brandon for facilitating such a rewarding and motivational program for his KidsZone students.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER and CHAIR

The 2019-2020 school year was the most unusual school year we experienced since the inception of Food Brings Hope in 2007. The Governor decided to close the schools while the students in Volusia and Flagler Counties were on Spring Break so we had no way of arranging alternate methods of providing services to our over 1,700 students, including getting the weekly food bags to them. Our amazing educators quickly devised programs to keep their students engaged and to ensure they continue their studies virtually by providing incentives and keeping a close eye on them. Separately, with grocery stores having a difficult time keeping their shelves full and food banks having a difficult time keeping up with expanded demand, we sprang into action by looking at a non-traditional way of acquiring food. Sodexo District Manager, Gerard Short, and ERAU Dining Services General Manager, Artie Echavarría, quickly helped us order all the products we needed for our families. Through our partnership with Sodexo, using their national food distributors, we were able to order up to 1,200 bags worth of provisions each week, including masks when they were nearly impossible to come by! They not only took care of what FBH needed during a time of crisis but, months later, they are still ordering food from their distributors for all the food banks in our community.

Food Brings Hope is successful thanks to the generosity of many amazing companies, organizations and individuals who are always watching out for us. From multiple COVID-19 related grants to helping us pay for all the extra food we needed for our unexpectedly rising number of families in need to the very generous CARES Act grant given to us by Volusia County, we were supported to do all we can to help our community.

Food Brings Hope is successful because our teachers and sponsors took matters into their own hands by delivering food bags to each student's home so they don't experience hunger. They delivered for weeks until the schools started again.

Our volunteers overwhelmed us by showing up early and staying for as long as it took to fill and deliver the food bags. We had volunteers who cooked hot food once a week and delivered to our families so they can enjoy delicious home-cooked meals during the COVID crisis. Before our contract with Sodexo, Mamie Oatis, together with her cadre of volunteers, went to multiple grocery stores so we could purchase sufficient quantities of limited items. At the time, stores would only allow two cans of soup and one whole chicken per shopper. It was through these extraordinary measures that we were able to get all the groceries and supplies needed at a time of increased need and diminishing resources.

It is because of all of our volunteers, educators and donors that FBH didn't miss a beat! In fact, we did more and better. We pivoted quickly and implemented unique solutions.

It is because of the Bill Navarras of our community, who called me the day after schools closed and said "I know you'll need more money, I'll raise some for you," and the Arties and Gerards of our community who always tell me "the answer is yes, what is your question," that I know no obstacle can stop us from providing the services and help needed for students enrolled in our program, not even a pandemic.

We are expanding as best as we can. VCan has been established in our community as the first go-to organization when a family suddenly finds themselves homeless or hungry or if school officials find a student experiencing homelessness.

We are proud and honored to be given the opportunity to take care of the future of our community, helping them become contributing members of our community.

With My Deepest Appreciation,



CELEBRATING YEARS OF PROGRESS

Over a decade ago, Forough Hosseini had a vision to empower the underprivileged children of our community. She believed by concentrating on the children; nourishing their bodies, minds and spirits, real change could be established in our community.

FBH started in the middle school her daughters attended and touched the lives of 27 students the first year. In the 13 years since, FBH has mushroomed into a dynamic and multifaceted organization fighting not only the symptoms, but the causes of homelessness and hunger experienced by the children of Volusia and Flagler Counties.

2007



1 School
Hinson Middle School TeenZone
27 Students

2011-2012

9 Schools
450 Students
FBHonors Pilot Program (24 Students)
Hope House Established



2017-2018



22 Schools in Volusia County
2 Schools in Flagler County
1,369 Students
Serving 350 Students and Families Weekly
Through Feed-A-Family
Pierson Culturally Sensitive Pantry Opened

2019

VCan Helpline Launched



2020



27 Schools in Volusia County & 2 Schools in Flagler County
9 FBHonors Programs
1,720 Students
330,815 pounds of Food Provided During COVID
through FBH Initiatives
983 Youth and Families Helped through VCan Helpline

MOTIVATION

"I first came to the program because I wanted to have a good job and learn English so that I could help my family in Mexico and my own family here. My job now pays more money and this helps me live a better life. This program has been a blessing to me and my family"



Augustina enrolled in the FBH/DSC Family Literacy Program four years ago at the former Pierson Elementary School. She was determined to learn English as a means to provide a better life for her family and her children. Having never studied English before, Augustina worked diligently, attending class every Tuesday and Thursday for three hours after working a full-time job. She has since been promoted to Lead Supervisor in her job, leveraging the program to overcome professional obstacles and increase her compensation.

When the COVID pandemic shut down face-to-face learning, Augustina was undeterred and refused to quit amidst the challenges. She and other adult literacy students committed to continuing their ESOL studies virtually with DSC, visiting Pierson to safely share FBH technology and have access to the internet unavailable at home. Through her determination and perseverance, Augustina has become an achiever and a role model, graduating from our program and moving on to pursue her greater goal – a GED.

Johnny Fluitt



FBHonors Graduate



Food Brings Hope had the privilege of witnessing the success of one of our first students, involved in our initial 2012 FBHonors program. Johnny Fluitt joined FBH when he was in elementary school and continued as a member of FBHonors in our Middle and High School programs. Inspired by the support of FBH and an intrinsic motivation to succeed, Johnny graduated from Mainland High School and attained his AA Degree from Daytona State College. Through a generous scholarship from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, one of FBH's strongest supporters, Johnny is currently a junior at ERAU.

With education at the heart of Food Brings Hope, the gratification and pride we feel for our students' accomplishments is immense. Witnessing our students' incredible growth intellectually and in spirit each passing year continues to fuel our passion. Two more of our initial FBHonors class graduated this year and started their college careers. Jakyra McLeod started UF this year and Sydney White started FAMU. Two more of our students are Seniors in high school and will graduate with Honors. Their future goals include college majoring in Pre-Med and Business. The greatest gift is to see more students graduate motivated and equipped, already successfully building their very bright futures.

NOURISHING FAMILIES

Feed-A-Family



SPECIAL THANKS TO
Halifax Urban Ministries
Second Harvest

One in three children in Central Florida currently suffers with food insecurity. Research shows a child cannot flourish, much less focus, when they are hungry.

In 2011, Food Brings Hope began a unique and creative solution to keep the struggling children of our programs fed, even when school wasn't in session. Through FBH's Feed-A-Family initiative and with the partnerships of Second Harvest and Halifax Urban Ministries, 30 pounds of healthy groceries are supplied weekly to the families of children in our afterschool programs. The health and nutrition of our children is an important aspect of our programs, providing not only for our students while they are studying with us, but also ensuring they have enough to eat at home.

The program has grown exponentially since inception, starting with just 50 families at a handful of schools in the county. Over the last decade, this initiative has grown over 700%! FBH is now providing take-home food bags to over 350 program students and their families, each week. We know that if we feed a child at home, the impact is greater than just a full belly, it is feeding hope for our community's future.

Reaching Rural Communities

Access to fresh and affordable food can be challenging in the rural community of Pierson. Many families live at or below the poverty level and, without the means of reliable transportation, struggle to provide essential resources to their children.

To meet the needs of this underserved part of our community, Food Brings Hope launched the Client's Choice Pantry at Pierson, aimed at providing a "shop and select" experience to the culturally diverse clientele. Opened in 2018, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and The San Jose Mission, Food Brings Hope operates the Pierson Pantry each week in conjunction with our educational programs, including KidsZone and free adult literacy and ESOL classes sponsored by Daytona State College.

Since January of 2020, over 225 new clients have visited the Pierson Pantry. FBH knows that by equipping parents and children with knowledge and skills through education, we provide a greater opportunity for long-term food security for our families. With the generous support of donors and continued partnerships with community agencies, Food Brings Hope plans to expand and replicate a similar model in the future in the next two years.



SPECIAL THANKS TO
Daytona State College
San Jose Mission
Second Harvest



Helping Households During COVID

Food Brings Hope provides immediate relief and a network of support to families in need when disaster strikes. Our FBH families and many other vulnerable ones in Volusia County suffered the greatest uncertainty and food insecurity seen in decades during the early pandemic months.

Continuing to ensure the students in FBH programs, and other students of Volusia County, had enough to eat during these difficult times was of critical importance. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of volunteers, schools, and sponsors, Food Brings Hope continued the Feed-A-Family initiative, delivering



bags to schools for distribution and often directly to students' doorsteps.

School sponsors of KidsZone and TeenZone delivered hands-on activities and incentives to students at home to keep them engaged in learning, even during the lockdown and through the summer. The VCan2020 Helpline received a 95% increase in call volume since the onset of COVID, serving over 450 children during the months of March and April, 2020.



Drive-Thru Food Distributions

Overcoming the many barriers a pandemic creates meant putting powerful partnerships into action. Sodexo Campus Services at ERAU jumped in to help, diverting their entire labor force to the mission of FBH while mobilizing their vendor network to assist in sourcing large quantities of food unavailable through other channels.

Boundless Restaurant, at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, became ground zero where product was received, sorted, and stored with the food received. FBH volunteers packed 700 - 800 food bags each week to meet the growing needs of the community.

Drive-thru food distributions, operating under CDC recommended guidelines, assisted over 3,000 people each week at Mainland High School by providing nutritious groceries, frozen meats, and even dairy. Through this fantastic partnership with Sodexo and Mainland HS, Food Brings Hope distributed over 13,000 bags, bringing hope and food security to families during the most chaotic and uncertain months of the COVID 19 pandemic.



SPECIAL THANKS TO

ERAU Sodexo
Mainland High



PROVIDING SANCTUARY

Eric Christopher DeVriese, Jr. HOPE House

At the end of the 2020 school year, reported numbers for unaccompanied youth in Volusia County skyrocketed to over 300, more than the total numbers for 2018 and 2019 combined. Not only are these children suffering from homelessness, but without caring individuals invested in their success, they will likely never achieve their full potential.

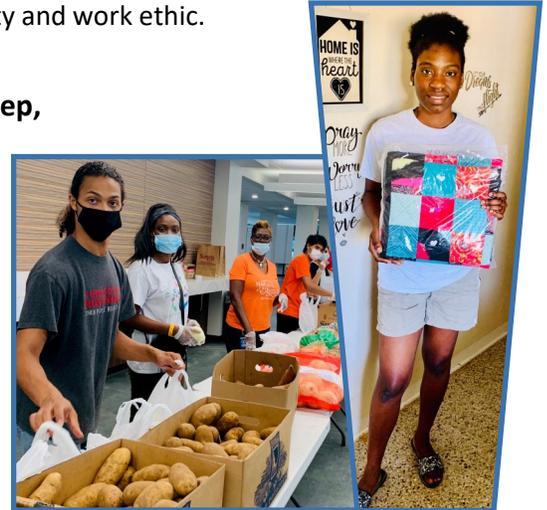
In 2012, the Hope House was opened by Food Brings Hope as a way to influence the future of young people in need. With a mission of *Helping Others Prosper through Education*, Hope House provides a safe and stable living environment for select unaccompanied youth as a means for them to continue their high school education and begin a clear path to a career or pursue higher education. Hope House teaches residents the importance of prioritizing education while equipping them with lifelong values, such as accountability and work ethic.



More than simply a place to sleep,

HOPE House

provides residents with a home where they feel a sense of belonging and can begin to truly flourish.



VCan Immediate Homelessness Relief Efforts

Launched in February 2019 as an initiative of Food Brings Hope, VCan provides immediate relief services, with minimal barriers to access, for youth, as well as, families with children under 18.

Operating with an “always-open” mission, the VCan helpline connects clients with a live and caring person regardless of time. VCan’s approach is two-fold, providing immediate food or homelessness relief when appropriate, and then connecting clients with community agencies that can work with them for long-term self-sufficiency.

VCan seeks to fill gaps in services provided in the community by accepting referrals from county agencies and collaborating with them to affect real change in our clients’ lives.



With the onset of COVID, partnering with community agencies has been a critical function of VCan by providing resources and assistance other programs cannot to ensure no child in Volusia County is without the help they need.

In the almost two years since its inception, call volume on the VCan helpline has tripled to over 100 inquiries each month.

Volusia Can be child and youth hunger and homeless free.



KidsZone & TeenZone

Started in 2007 with a vision of feeding and educating homeless and hungry children at just one school, Food Brings Hope's KidsZone and TeenZone programs are now active in 28 schools in Volusia County and 2 in Flagler County.

Our academic programs are a cornerstone in accomplishing our mission and provide a platform for at-risk students to improve their school performance and learn other critical life skills. FBH's programs have continued to evolve dynamically, encouraging and supporting each school program in building unique and creative learning solutions tailored to their targeted students. Sponsoring reading initiatives for struggling third graders, introducing exciting enrichment activities in the sciences, or even scheduling safe transportation home for students in our programs are just some of the ways FBH offers unique opportunities to increase learning.

This year, when schools locked down for the COVID pandemic, many of our sponsors pivoted to virtual programming to keep children connected and engaged. Students were delivered food and educational activity kits to provide hands-on experiences, even at home, and incentive programs were created to help motivate students to attend daily. Food Brings Hope will always seek to mitigate obstacles and barriers for our children and provide them with every opportunity possible in fulfilling their greatest potential.

Over the years of working with our students, sponsors, and parents, we have grown to see just how important building relationships is to their future success in ways that reach far beyond academic achievement.



FBHonors

Started in 2012 in memory of Farshad Babazadeh, the nephew of CEO and Founder Forough Hosseini, the FBHonors initiative provides our highest-performing students, from low socioeconomic backgrounds, with an even greater opportunity to excel.

Through rigorous, rich, and varied academic and non-academic programs, we seek to empower creative and analytical thinking, helping these targeted students cultivate the deeper skills necessary to flourish in higher education and in building a successful career. Heavily centered on STEM educational programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), FBHonors seeks to provide an academic foundation that opens doors to some of the most prestigious, innovative, and lucrative careers in the world.

This year, FBHonors saw two very special students, Sydney and Jakyra, graduate from high school after committing to

the program since its inception during their fourth grade year. Both girls are attending major universities in the Fall and FBH will continue to support their aspirations in furthering their education. It is important to inspire each of these high-achieving students to build on their academic success and instill in them the belief that they can accomplish their dreams for the future.



WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Impact

With the generous contributions of donors, volunteers, and community partners, Food Brings Hope had a powerhouse year, expanding the reach of our mission with greater impact than even we could imagine. With your support, FBH is providing underprivileged children of Volusia and Flagler Counties access to the food and educational opportunities they need to change the fabric of our community for the future.



450 CHILDREN

assisted by VCan
January through July 2020



29 SCHOOLS

Participating



9 FBHONORS

Programs



78 ACADEMIC

Program Sponsors



\$153,523 RECEIVED

in Individual Contributions
to the FBH Mission



2,518 HOURS

Volunteers Served
During COVID



223 FIRST TIME VISITORS

to the Pierson Pantry this
Year



231,640 POUNDS

of Food Distributed for
Pandemic Relief



350 FEED-A-FAMILY

Food Bags Provided
Weekly



Powerful Partnerships

Over the years, numerous individuals, groups, and organizations have come forth in support of our vision for the children of Volusia County and have blessed Food Brings Hope. Partnerships are significant in helping us fulfill the execution of our mission. This year, with the onset of COVID, our powerful community and business partnerships have demonstrated just how meaningful working together for a cause really is. Thank you for helping us accomplish so much in the face of adversity. It doesn't always take a village to make an impact, but it certainly helps!



PRM – 273 Nights

Premiere Resorts & Management provided 273 nights of hotel stays this year for homeless VCan clients transitioning into other services and housing programs.



HUM – 8,332 Feed-A-Family Bags

Halifax Urban Ministries enabled us to provide over 8000 food bags to families of our programs during the school year.



SODEXO – Partnered in Serving 36k

As a corporate champion for Food Brings Hope, Sodexo is a major contributor on many fronts. In addition to sponsorships and food donations, Sodexo helped FBH distribute thousands of food bags during the pandemic ultimately providing nutritious food for over 36,000 community members.



VOLUSIA COUNTY - \$785,000 in Grant Funding

Through the CARES grant for COVID-19 relief, Volusia County provided \$785,000 to FBH to assist in procuring essential non-perishables and fresh groceries to fill food bags during the pandemic relief efforts.



Jersey Mikes – Month of Giving

A committed partner for 6 years, Jersey Mikes Subs contributed over \$30,000 in support of Food Brings Hope's mission during the past year.



Bank of America - \$25,000 for Transitional Learning Programs

This year, Bank of America continued to provide generous support through the Neighborhood Grant, supporting transitional learning and continuity of programming for FBHonors students moving from elementary schools to a middle school FBHonors Program. They also contributed \$7,500 to support COVID-19 relief efforts.



Truist - \$40,000 in COVID Relief Funding

Through a generous grant, Truist helped Food Brings Hope continue the Feed-A-Family program following spring break and during the initial outbreak of COVID, one of the most food-insecure times our students have ever experienced.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Numerous individuals, groups and businesses have helped us accomplish the food Brings Hope's Mission.
We are grateful for their unwavering support of our mission.

\$20,000 and Above

Angel Crowder Estate
Bank of America
The Burke Family
Colvard Charitable Foundation
ICI Homes
Jersey Mikes
Lowell and Nancy Lohman
Winston Salem Foundation (Truist)

\$10,000 - \$20,000

Giles Electric
Halifax Health
Halifax Insurance Partners
Holub Development
Paul Piquet in Memoriam
Premier Resorts & Management
Steve Farmer
Stephen and Sandy Bishop
Stellar

\$5,000 - \$10,000

AdventHealth of Daytona
Assured Partners
Brown & Brown of Florida
Florida Blue Foundation
Harry and Jane Gillis
Interior Logic Group
Jeep Beach Inc.
Jon Hall Chevrolet
Mumtaz Foundations Inc
Myrna H. Fux Trust
Ed and Shawn Noseworthy
Ponce Inlet Realty
Realty Pros
Suzanne & Tom Walters

\$1,000 - \$5,000

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Amy Harvill
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Beverly Breveglieri
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Conrad & Margaret Yelvington
Michael Yelvington

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Food Brings Hope appreciates the continued support of Interim Superintendent Tim Egnor, Superintendent Scott Fritz, retired Superintendent Jim Tager and Superintendent Cathy Mittelstadt and the principals of the schools enrolled in our program.

Eilene Ahr, Starke Elementary
Efrain Alejandro, Sunrise Elementary
Lynn Bruner, Osceola Elementary
Dwane Copeland, Westside Elementary
Jacquese Copeland, Southwestern Middle
Anna Crawford, Wadsworth Elementary
Alicia Douglas, Enterprise Elementary
Kathy Gibbons, Taylor Middle-High
Tucker Harris, Palm Terrace Elementary
Shannon Hay, Ormond Beach Elementary
Stephen Hinson, Atlantic High
Timothy Huth, Mainland High
Richard Inge, Champion Elementary
Timothy Merrick, New Smyrna Beach High

Dr. Sharon Lavalley, McInnis Elementary
Michael Leader, New Smyrna Beach Middle
Dr. Scott Lifvendahl, Blue Lake Elementary
Ron Pagano, Basilica School of St. Paul
Dr. Jerry Picott Jr., Campbell Middle
Joseph Rawlings, Seabreeze High
Cameron Robinson, Turie T. Small Elementary
Marcus Sanfilippo, Bunnell Elementary
Dr. Todd Sparger, Spruce Creek High
Susan Tuten, Ormond Beach Middle
Tennile Wallace, South Daytona Elementary
Judith Watson Longstreet Elementary
Jason Watson Holly Hill School



How You Can Make a Difference Today

Food Brings Hope greatly appreciates and accepts any contributions. 100% of all donations go directly toward our programs that support children in our community!

You can contribute directly to Food Brings Hope with a tax deductible contribution of any amount in the form of cash or check payable to Food Brings Hope.

Mail your contribution to: Food Brings Hope, Inc., 555 West Granada Blvd, Ste. B-12, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

You may also make a donation through Food Brings Hope website: www.FoodBringsHope.org

For more information on how to donate, please contact us at 386.843.1161.



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