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A Message from the Board Chair

The past school year, 2012-2013, proved the busiest and most successful for Food Brings Hope. FBH had record number of students enrolled in KidsZone and TeenZone programs with over 500 students, number of participating schools increased to 10, FBHonors program expanded to Campbell Middle, the Weekend Food program quadrupled to over 200 families and we opened the HOPE House for homeless girls.

As Food Brings Hope keeps expanding, number of generous individuals, companies and institutions who support us has also grown. In 2012, News Journal hosted *News Carrier Hall of Fame* fundraiser with proceeds benefiting FBH. The event raised over \$23,000 which was generously matched by ICI Homes. In 2013, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University chose FBH for their annual giving. The campus-wide campaign, titled *The \$7 Sacrifice*, raised an unprecedented \$46,000! Both News Journal and Embry Riddle have already announced that they have selected Food Brings Hope for next year! We are indebted to both News Journal and ERAU, especially Mr. Michael Redding and Dr. John Johnson.

Countless number of people and companies donated to the HOPE House so we can have a safe place for homeless girls. Now, Volusia County has a 4-bedroom house, on the eastside of the county, where young ladies who become homeless, mostly due to no fault of their own, can have a safe place to stay, attend school and pursue successful lives with promising futures with the help of mentors such as Jillian Eaton and Terra Brock. Ms. Lesa Kennedy and Mr. Ben Kennedy have been generous donors to the expenses of the HOPE House as well as Mr. and Mrs. Brad Giles.

Glenn and Connie Ritchey, who gave us the opportunity to start the HOPE House by donating a duplex to Food Brings Hope, continued their generous support of all Food Brings Hope initiatives and programs. Dr. John and Maurie Johnson also continued their generous support of FBH. They have been supporting FBH financially since its inception. Additionally, they promoted the involvement of Riddle students to work with our TeenZone and KidsZone students. And, of course, we wouldn't let Dr. Johnson forget his generous announcement of granting FBH graduates two scholarships; one for a female and one for a male student to attend the greatest University in Aviation!

Embry Riddle Athletic Association continued their support of FBH students. Last year, they hosted over 300 students at one of their basketball games with an inspiring speech from Coach Ridder. The Keynote speaker was Coach Steve Lochte of Daytona Swim Club and father of Olympic gold medalist, Ryan Lochte. Coach Lochte brought Ryan's gold medals to show to the students. Later that afternoon, students were served dinner and dessert and cheered on the Eagles as they played an amazing game which they won! Of course, the basketball that they give to each student to take home is the icing on the cake!

Daytona State College has always invited TeenZone and KidsZone students to their Holiday Concert which our students look forward to every year. We are indebted to everyone at DSC but especially Dr. Doug Peterson who works closely with us to make sure all FBH students can benefit from this amazing concert which sells out quickly every year.

We have been the beneficiary of Sodexo's generosity since 2007! Sodexo sponsors few of our events annually, at times feeding all of our 500 students!



Forough B. Hosseini

FBH has also been the recipient of grants from Wells Fargo, Publix Foundation, United Way Women's Initiative, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, among others.

Of course, FBH depends on generosity of individuals like Mr. and Mrs. Jay Adams who have been sending us monthly checks for the longest time. We are indebted to Jay and Leila as well as hundreds of others who send us checks or support us in other ways because they believe that Food Brings Hope is making a difference in the lives of our children. We are able to change lives and give the students enrolled in our programs the benefit of simple things like food security, extra tutoring, trips to ballgames, etc.; all the normal things that most of our own children take for granted. By hosting TeenZone, KidsZone and FBHonors afterschool programs in schools with high poverty rate, these students get an opportunity to make the right choice of staying in school and hopefully graduating; this sets them on the path to secure a decent job or go to college. At Food Brings Hope, we are aiming to change the fabric of our society by empowering our less fortunate and younger citizens; one child at a time. Thank you for believing in Food Brings Hope and welcome on our journey.

2012-2013 Citizenship of the Year Award Winners



"Philanthropy, to me, is giving enough of your wealth that it affects your lifestyle!"

Forough B Hosseini

Who We Are / What We Do

Who We Are

When local businesswoman, Forough B. Hosseini, realized the depth of the homeless and hunger problems among school-aged children in our own community, she was stunned! In our beautiful and bountiful community, how could it be that more than 2,000 of the students are homeless! How could it be that the child sitting next to her daughters at school didn't have a place to go home to that night? As she learned how widespread the problem was, she started taking action! She, together with a few other caring community leaders, worked on a business plan for two years before they started the first pilot program in 2007.

Measurable Results

- Improved test scores/grades
- Improved FCAT scores
- Reduced disciplinary referrals
- Reduced sickness/absenteeism
- Increase in the number of students successfully completing each grade level and working toward high school graduation.

Serving 500 students in the Volusia County School District.

What We Do

Food Brings Hope was founded in 2007 with the vision that children should be free from hunger. Through the extraordinary support of a generous community, Food Brings Hope, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, now touches the lives of 500 school-aged children. We help children in need through several key initiatives:

- KidsZone and TeenZone Afterschool Programs
- FBHonors Program
- Weekend Feed A Family Program
- The HOPE Project

Key Components of this Program

- Tutoring program
- Transportation from school and to special events and activities
- Nourishing hot meals and snacks
- Fun learning and activities programs
- Student reward system for improvement
- Sponsored cultural events, motivational speakers, sporting events, instruction in managing finances and pursuit of a healthy lifestyle
- Seminars for Junior and Senior High students to learn about options upon high school graduation including college tours, completing post secondary applications, preparing a resume and job interviews.
- Nutritious food bags to take home over the weekends for the neediest students.

Building Successful Teamwork in Our Community

A truly successful community is one that nurtures the strengths of every family and every child, and acknowledges the value of our interconnectedness. Greater understanding of this important problem in our community can help us collectively learn, lead, and grow, together.

At Food Brings Hope, we offer a way in which a comprehensive team of professionals, leaders, donors, agencies, and volunteers have collaborated to coordinate existing resources for providing meals to at-risk children, while filling the gaps not previously addressed.

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Helping Others Prosper through Education

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Special Events

ERAU Game Night

Coaches and players from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University welcomed over 300 Volusia County Public School students and chaperones to the ICI Center on Friday, December 14, 2012.

ERAU Athletic Director, Coach Steve Ridder, gave an inspirational talk about the value of always doing the right thing. ERAU student and basketball player Dan Mondragon spoke to the students about the importance of making good decisions and choices in order to reach their goals.



Keynote speaker, Coach Steve Lochte of Daytona Swim Club, and father of Olympic gold medalist Ryan Lochte, also spoke to the students. He encouraged them to dream big. "Everything starts with a dream. You must dream it to believe it and achieve it," said Coach Lochte. Your dream will become your reality with hard work, commitment, dedication, and discipline. Expect setbacks along the way, but do not give up until your dream is accomplished.



Food Brings Hope students from Pierson, Turie T. Small, Westside and Starke Elementary schools; New Smyrna Beach and Campbell Middle schools; New Smyrna Beach and Spruce Creek High Schools; and Taylor Middle-High attended the event. After the motivational speeches, students were treated to pizza and desserts made by Eagles Booster Club. Students enjoyed watching the Eagles bring their team to victory! Each student received a basketball to take home as a memento of the evening.

DSC Holiday Dinner & Concert



Food Brings Hope students from seven Volusia County Public Schools



were treated to a Holiday Celebration starting with a delicious dinner at Daytona State College Student Center followed by a magnificent Holiday Concert on Friday, November 30, 2012. Celebrating the excitement of the holiday season, over four hundred Food Brings Hope students enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and sponsored by Sodexo, Inc. while interacting with their peers, teachers and principals.

The students were then transported to the News-Journal Center to attend the Daytona State College Holiday Concert under direction of Dr. Doug Peterson. The students had the opportunity to listen to the symphonic band and concert choir and were enthralled by the vignettes from the "Nutcracker" performed by the Dance Theater. The students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and heartily participated in the Holiday Sing-Along!

Sports Nutrition Day

On May 8, 2013, over a hundred students from Osceola, Pierson and Starke Elementary Schools visited Westside Elementary for Sports-Nutrition Day. The students enjoyed Zumba lessons, provided by Quanita of Quanita's Latin Dance and Ballroom and Linda Caracushansky; sports and agility drills led by Embry-Riddle's Assistant Basketball Coach Chad Keller and several members of the basketball team; nutritional instruction by personal trainer and nutrition coach, Judi Boone; and a hot buffet dinner managed by Mrs. Alena Vesela.

This annual event provides a program for children of different schools to join together to participate in a day of education, recreation and socialization.

The talented group leaders inspired the students and made them feel they are important, valuable and worthy of living a long and healthy life. Not only were students involved in Sports Nutrition Day but several teachers and principals of visiting schools also joined the fun.



Special Events

Governor Scott Addresses FBH Students



On January 8, 2013, approximately 300 students from seven local public schools dressed in gold and red and were treated to a field trip to "meet the governor." The event, which took place at Turie T. Small Elementary, featured a series of presentations by Dr. Earl Johnson, TT Small Principal; Jim Tager, NSB Principal; Craig Zablo, Campbell Middle Principal; Dr. Margaret Smith, Superintendent of Volusia County Schools laid the foundation for an inspirational message by Governor Rick Scott. After the Governor's message, he held a Q & A session for the students.

Governor and Mrs. Scott along with students, teachers and principals were entertained by Turie T. Small's dance group and "My School" song performed by T. T. Small fifth graders. Westside Elementary FBHonors students were invited to address the governor.

After Governor Scott's speech, comments heard from students were "He encouraged us to do great things and follow our dreams" and "It was pretty cool the governor came to speak to us today. Not everyone can say the governor was at their school." After closing remarks by Dr. Earl Johnson, the Governor mingled with the students and posed for photographs. Students departed encouraged with countless possibilities for their future.



2012-2013 Year End Awards Banquet



On May 29, 2013, close to 500 students, teachers and principals from ten Volusia County Schools descended upon the grounds of Daytona International Speedway for the Food Brings Hope Year End Celebration. Students enjoyed tram tours of the legendary 2.5 mile track. The tour was followed by a VIP treatment in the elite Daytona 500 Club where they were served a delicious dinner, sponsored by Sodexo. Students were entertained with games, activities and a DJ throughout the event. Mrs. Hosseini, local business-woman and founder of Food Brings Hope, addressed the students and congratulated them on a successful academic year. Ms. Lesa France Kennedy, Vice Chair and CEO of International Speedway Corp, who attended with her son Ben, delivered the keynote address. She encouraged the students to recognize the free gift that is given to each of them: the chance to earn a diploma. She urged them to find a mentor, as she had. And she told the story of how she will continue to support her son Ben and his ambition to become a professional race car driver ONLY IF he completes his education. Following Mrs. Kennedy's remarks, she and Mrs. Hosseini handed out awards to the citizens of the year from each school. Students received a certificate and a generous gift card to reward their high achievement.

Citizen of the Year Award Recipients: Raven Ball & Corey Warren, Starke Elementary; Hannah Leonard & Ethan Cabral, Osceola Elementary; Isabel Andres & Guillermo Solis, Pierson Elementary; Laila Taylor & Raquan Harris, Turie T. Small Elementary; Zaria Anderson & Natanael Hebert, Westside Elementary; Gabriela Hernandez & Jackie Collins, Campbell Middle; Shalane Rene Kubik & Logann Harris, NSB Middle; Julia Jones & Blake Bochiardy, NSB High; and Maranda Maddox & Jade Williams, Spruce Creek High.

New Programs / Partnerships

The HOPE Project

Helping **O**thers **P**rosper through **E**ducation

The HOPE Project is a new initiative of Food Brings Hope. Its objective is to provide unaccompanied youth enrolled in Volusia County Schools with a safe and stable living environment, ensuring their graduation from high school and their success in their personal lives and ultimately helping them become productive members of society.

The term "unaccompanied youth" includes youth in homeless situations who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. "Homeless" means they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Unaccompanied youth suffer the most extremes of risk. In addition to the adversity of poverty, they must also cope with the additional burden of homelessness. In 2012, there were 76 unaccompanied youth enrolled in Volusia County Schools.

To address this issue, the HOPE Project has acquired a house for young girls attending Volusia County High Schools. In addition to providing shelter, we also offer services to help them prosper including mentoring, transportation, nutritional training, higher education counseling, medical services, and other tools they may need to establish their lives after high school.

Boy Scout Troop 429

Students from the Pierson area experienced the joy of the holiday season through the generous giving of Troop 429 and were the recipients of fishing poles, sport balls, bicycles, board games, backpacks, clothes and other items donated by the Boy Scouts.



Christine Eggert-Frampton, Troop 429 committee chair, selected Food Brings Hope as the recipient of the gifts after reading about the non-profit organization in the newspaper. Mrs. Eggert-Frampton and other troop leaders encouraged their scouts to participate in helping those less fortunate and were very pleased by the enthusiasm of the scouts.

Volusia Building Industry Association

For the second year, Food Brings Hope, was named the charity of choice for the Volusia Building Industries Associations' parade of Homes.

"MoneySmart Banking" Program

Through United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties Campaign for Working Families, Food Brings Hope was able to offer a "MoneySmart Banking" program to three schools in 2013. FBH believes in equipping young people in their formative years with the basics in financial education to give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence they will need in managing their money.



Money Smart Banking is an interactive banking program designed to teach students how to budget, the importance of saving, how to use bank services to protect money, and how to be a smart shopper. A key message students learned was "needs vs. wants." Wells Fargo Bank provided financial experts to lead the classes. Upon graduation, the students received gift cards, a piggy bank for savings and a pizza lunch.

Halifax Urban Ministries

In partnership with Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM), Food Brings Hope provides weekly food bags to the families of 200 Volusia County school children.



One of the missions of HUM is homeless prevention. HUM believes that by reducing food costs, it prevents families from becoming homeless. That is, when their grocery bills are reduced, families are left with more funds available for basic housing needs, including rent. With Food Brings Hope's mission to eliminate hunger among our community's children, the partnership with HUM on weekend grocery bags was a natural extension of our respective missions.

Bags containing enough food to feed a family of four for a weekend are distributed through the schools to the parents of FBH students. With 200 students enrolled, our program provides sustenance for 800 people per week. Partnership efficiencies and community support keep expenses down, so the cost of a bag filled with 40 pounds of non-perishable grocery items plus 6 pounds of meat costs only \$7.

Partnership Fundraising Campaigns

News-Journal Hall of Fame Day



Food Brings Hope was the beneficiary of a new event held November 10, 2012. The "News Carrier Hall of Fame Day", was created as a signature fundraiser by the Daytona Beach News-Journal to help raise money for homeless schoolchildren.

A group of 30 former news carriers who went on to become community leaders fanned out across Volusia County on Saturday, November 10, 2012, selling newspapers and collecting donations for Food Brings Hope.

At a reception Tuesday, November 13, 2012 News-Journal Publisher Ron Wallace presented a check for \$23,606.45 to Forough Hosseini.

In a time when so many people who live in our community are struggling, it is heartwarming to see people reach in their pockets to help others in need.



Tom McCall, chief operating officer for ICI Homes, presented a matching donation, on behalf of the company and its CEO Mori Hosseini.



ERAU Campaign "The \$7 Sacrifice"



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University launched a campaign to raise money for Food Brings Hope's weekend grocery bag initiative. The ERAU campaign, called "The \$7 Sacrifice" in reference to the cost of each bag, sought to raise \$25,000 through a campus-wide competition to develop creative ways to generate donations. The campaign nearly doubled this amount with a \$46,000 check that was presented by President John Johnson to Forough B. Hosseini, Founder of Food Brings Hope.

"At Food Brings Hope, we continue to be touched by the generosity of organizations and individuals in our community who share our goal to eliminate hunger among our school children," said Hosseini. "There are no words to adequately describe the appreciation we have for the students, faculty and staff of Embry-Riddle who, through their efforts, will greatly impact the lives of so many in our community."

In fact, the donation from Embry-Riddle will feed 130 families of four for a year.

"It is with the support of institutions like Embry-Riddle and generous and kind hearts like Dr. and Mrs. Johnson that we can expand our program to cover more schools and help a larger number of the underprivileged and homeless children in the county," Hosseini said.



Farshad Babazadeh Honors Program

The Farshad Babazadeh Honors Program (FBHonors) was instituted in January 2012 to help the highest achieving students reach their fullest potential. Heavily centered on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programming, the FBHonors Program has been greatly influenced by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's STEM Outreach Club which has visited FBHonors campuses to inform students of educational opportunities in STEM fields and has provided organized activities on its campus to further enrich and challenge students.



The students who qualify for FBHonors must meet certain academic requirements and commit to participating in a rigorous academic program which meets for three hours a day, Monday thru Friday. To ensure small classroom settings and one-on-one interaction with educators, the maximum number of students at any school is twelve.

The ultimate objective of the FBHonors Program is to follow the same students from elementary school into high school and provide them with the tools necessary to attend the college or university of their choice.

Currently, we have FBHonors programs in Westside Elementary and Campbell Middle School. Through support from members of our community, it is our goal to expand to include Pierson Elementary and Mainland High School in the short term and others as our growth continues.

FBHonors was named in memory of Farshad Babazadeh who was killed in a car accident at the age of 18. The program was brought to Food Brings Hope through the generosity of Farshad's parents, Mansour and Simin Babazadeh.



Food Brings Hope provided each student with a laptop for use in school and at home which offers them the opportunity to explore technologies which were not previously accessible to them.



Westside Elementary FBHonors Sponsor:
Aimee Shank

Campbell Middle FBHonors Sponsors:
Karen Kepner & Kimberly Matthews

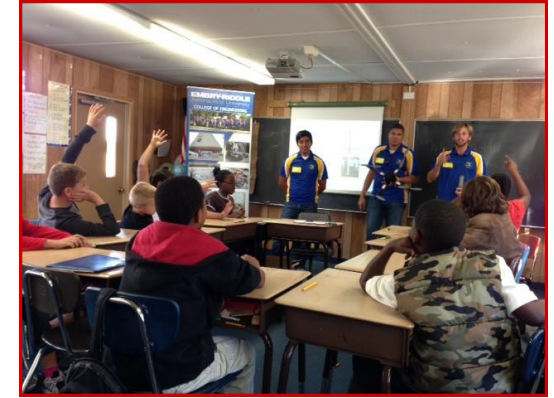


Six of the six students chosen to represent Westside Elementary School at the Volusia County Science Fair were FB Honors students.

Farshad Babazadeh Honors Program

One hundred percent of FBHons students scored above grade level on the science and math FCAT. 92% of honors students met higher standards in reading. FBHons students scored an average of 23 percentage points above the district average on the science semester cumulative assessment and an average of 30 percentage points above the district average on the math semester cumulative assessment. Six of the six students chosen to represent Westside Elementary School at the Volusia County Science Fair were FBHons students. 100% of FBHons participants have attained academic honor roll in the 2012-2013 school year.

Students continually demonstrate their ability to work in teams as this is a focus and critical need in today's job market. The majority of projects are completed in teams and students learn to utilize one another's strengths.



FBHons students used the engineering process to design and build a cardboard arcade.



Students completed a variety of hands-on STEM activities.



Osceola Elementary KidsZone

KidsZone is a Food Brings Hope sponsored program at Osceola Elementary School. KidsZone offers academic enrichment and tutoring in reading, mathematics and science to students in third through fifth grade.

KidsZone students met on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the 2012-2013 school year. In order to accommodate the academic needs of all students the program was divided into two sessions. The two sessions were offered to third, fourth, and fifth graders to help them prepare for the FCAT. Each Thursday Food Brings Hope provided the 80 KidsZone students a hot meal before they went home. To help make KidsZone accessible to all students, Food Brings Hope provided transportation home for the students who did not live within walking distance of the school.

In addition to the weekly tutoring, fifth graders had the opportunity to attend Saturday Science Camp. The students who participated received science and reading enrichment through hands on experiments and science investigations.

Students proudly wore their KidsZone t-shirts and sweatshirts on field trips to meet the governor, attend a sports and nutrition day and to the end of the year awards ceremony at Daytona USA.



SPONSOR: Ms. Meredith Gilbert

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Marie Stratton



Pierson Elementary KidsZone



SPONSOR: Laura Hemingway
PRINCIPAL: Mr. Richard T. Myers

Food Brings Hope sponsored several exciting events for our KidsZone students this year. One of the highlights was the opportunity to meet and speak with Florida Governor, Rick Scott. A question posed by one of our students was responded to by the Governor! Students attended a holiday party at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and listened to an inspirational message about always doing the right thing from Athletic Director Steve Ridder. Our KidsZone students also attended a Health Expo at Westside Elementary, a Holiday Concert at the News-Journal Center, ERAU basketball game, and an end of the year celebration at the Daytona Speedway.

Food Brings Hope and KidsZone have impacted our Pierson Elementary students in a positive way. Our students have greatly benefited from the opportunities presented and continue to grow academically toward a successful future.

KidsZone students at Pierson Elementary participated in a wide range of exciting and educational activities during the 2012 - 2013 school year.

KidsZone at Pierson Elementary, is sponsored by Food Brings Hope, an initiative of the Community Foundation of Volusia and Flagler, which provides tutoring, transportation, nutritional meals and snacks, learning activities, visits to college campuses, and trips to cultural and sporting events for homeless and other economically disadvantaged students. In partnership with Halifax Urban Ministries, Food Brings Hope also provided bags of groceries to 50 of our neediest families each week.

Fifty students participated in our after school reading and math tutoring for lowest performing students in grades 3 thru 5. Students were provided a nutritious snack before each tutoring session, and bus transportation was provided to encourage student attendance. Twenty-three students regularly utilized the special "tutoring bus" each Monday and Thursday afternoon.

The benefit of students receiving additional tutoring time were apparent in the FCAT Math scores of our KidsZone students. Fifteen students regularly attended Kidszone activities at Pierson Elementary. Of the fifteen KidsZone students, twelve students made gains on 2013 FCAT Math with five students increasing an FCAT level. In Reading, thirteen students made point gains, with two students increasing an FCAT reading level.



Edith I. Starke Elementary

Edith I. Starke Elementary School was able to expand its S.T.A.R.S. (Students Turning Around Reaching for Success) program, with the assistance of Food Brings Hope. S.T.A.R.S. is a mentoring program for our at-risk students that helps ensure our students strive to "Be Great" through academic, social, and emotional support with motivational speakers, sporting activities, and academic help. The students meet on a weekly basis, however, additional events and activities were scheduled throughout the week.

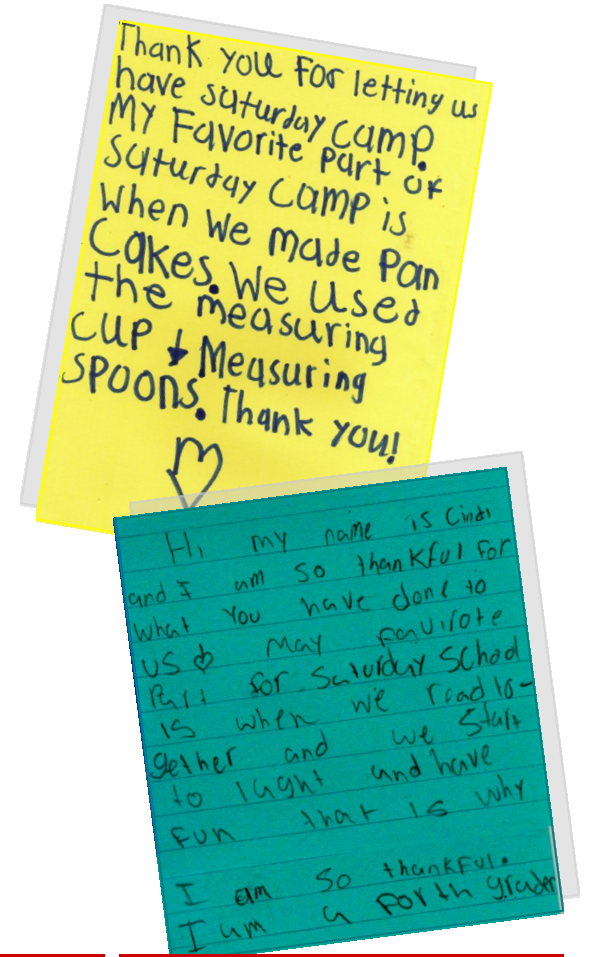
With the Food Brings Hope partnership, S.T.A.R.S. has been able to extend the opportunities our students have been provided with, to include such events as S.T.A.R.S. Fun Camp and sporting events at Embry Riddle and Stetson University.

S.T.A.R.S. Fun Camp was held on eleven Saturdays, beginning in January for students in the intermediate grades in preparation for the FCAT. Food Brings Hope provided our students with a nutritious breakfast at the start of the morning and healthy lunch upon the conclusion of each tutoring session. Activities were focused on reading, math, and science that were hands-on and engaging. S.T.A.R.S. Fun Camp was exciting for the students AND teachers.

Our S.T.A.R.S. have really begun to shine brighter, with the support of Food Brings Hope. We have seen an increase in reading schools and a decrease in the behavioral referrals. However, what we can't chart is the personal development we have seen in our students. They have learned how to be more respectful to their peers and adults, interact appropriately when we are out in the community, which includes using those key words of 'please' and 'thank you'. Our S.T.A.R.S. are truly grateful for the opportunities they have been provided this year, which can be observed in their words and actions.

SPONSORS: Dhand Presley, Laurie LaMondie, Carmon Aponte, Juan Neira, Alex Sanchez

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Shannon Hay



Turie T. Small Elementary KidsZone

Turie T. Small Elementary School Kids Zone is a Food Brings Hope sponsored program that provides the after school environment for kids in need of special academic and nutritional assistance. One component of this program focuses on providing additional tutoring for students in the 3rd thru 5th grades who need additional support.

Kids Zone Extended Day Program has 79 participating each week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Mondays were specifically for fifth grade science. Tuesdays and Thursdays were organized for writing and math assistance for students from 3rd thru 5th grades. Students were tutored for an hour and a half in the areas of science (5th), math, and writing (4th). Additionally, 5th grade students were provided the opportunity to visit the Museum of Arts and Sciences on Wednesdays for two hour sessions. Activities involved hands-on experiments, building background knowledge through active learning.

Kids Zone focused on providing comprehensive tutorial opportunities to increase the academic achievement of the lowest performing students in the areas of science, math, and writing. In order to provide equity and access for all students who need tutoring, Food Brings Hope provided transportation for students who lived two miles or more from school. Snacks were provided for students on Mondays, and Thursdays; with hot meals provided for the kids on Thursdays!

The most significant measurable outcomes were the increase in the 3rd grade students' math scores and the fourth grade students' writing on the FCAT. The third grade students who were proficient in math increased by 20 percentage points, from 43% to 63%. The fourth grade students who tested proficient with a score of 3.0 or higher on Florida Writes increased by 21 percentage points, from 56% to 77%. Additionally, the percentage of fourth grade students who scored a 3.5 or higher on the FCAT increased by 19 percentage points, from 16% to 35%.

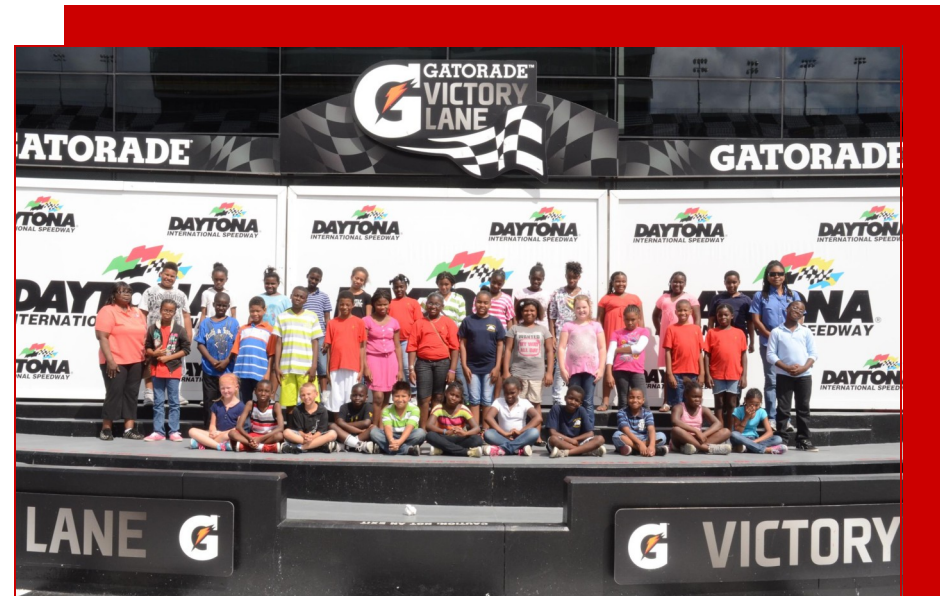
Food Brings Hope sponsored several group events throughout the year! Our students attended the Daytona State College winter musical program at the

Daytona News-Journal; an Embry-Riddle Basketball game and the end of the year awards banquet at the Speedway.

Turie T. Small had the honor of hosting Governor Rick Scott for an exciting event on January 8, 2013 with 300 students, teachers and principals attending. Several of our students also provided entertainment.



On behalf of our school, we would like to thank Food Brings Hope for all the wonderful resources and assistance the organization has provided our students. We have seen how beneficial it is, and we would like to keep this precious partnership alive for the new school year!



SPONSOR: Mrs. Melani Rolle

PRINCIPAL: Dr. Earl Johnson

Westside Elementary KidsZone

Westside Elementary School's after school program called, Westside's Night Alive (WNA), has worked with Food Brings Hope's KidZone to provide students with enriching activities in a safe environment. This relationship, through the kindness of Mrs. Forough Hosseini, has provided children with opportunities to experience events they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. We are truly grateful for her generosity. Those events include the Daytona State College Holiday Concert, ERAU Basketball Game, Coins for Children, Enrichment Camp meals, Daytona International Speedway trip, Sports-Nutrition Day and the student rewards program.

Daytona State College Holiday Concert

This is an evening that brings a cultural experience to the lives of many for the first time. Students were able to experience music of a different nature after enjoying a meal provided by Sodexo at Daytona State College.

ERAU Basketball and Pizza Night

Students had the time of their lives at the event! WNA/Kids Zone Students, CNA/Teen Zone students and other Kids Zone and Teen Zone students from the area cheered the Eagles on after enjoying pizza and a presentation from Coach Lochte. He even had one of Ryan's gold medals with him! The evening ended with a presentation of basketballs to take home and many smiles.

Coins for Children

Money was collected by students donating change into classroom containers. The money was matched by the generosity of Mrs. Hosseini and used to help those less fortunate. This collection teaches the children about giving back to their community and helping those less fortunate.

FCAT Camps

The challenge of preparing students for testing is enormous! Staff and students prepared for five Saturdays. The camp was funded by Mrs. Hosseini and FUTURES. Students began their day with breakfast and then went to work in reading, math and science.

Sports/Nutrition Day

Coach Chad Keller and his team came from the basketball courts of Embry-Riddle to help us make a memorable day. Students participated in basketball drills, health discussion with Nutritionist, Judi Boone, and a Zumba exercise session lead by Quanita and her team. Students also enjoyed a healthy dinner before departing.



Garden & Outdoor Learning Center

Kindergarten Math Tutoring



ERAU Basketball Game

Sports Nutrition Day



Westside Elementary KidsZone



SPONSOR: Lisa Zavota
PRINCIPAL: Judi Winch

Daytona 500 Experience

ROAR!!!!!!!!!! On May 29th, students boarded trams and experienced a guided tour around the famous Daytona 500 track! They also shared a meal by Sodexo, and played Bingo for prizes. Each school selected one male and one female student to be presented with the Citizenship Award for the year. These students have been exemplary role models all year in their words and actions. Natanael Hebert and Zaria Anderson were the recipients of this year's award.

Student Awards Program

The awards ceremonies are greatly appreciated! The students work hard each quarter and earn awards in attendance, punctuality, improvement, achievement and citizenship. The continued generosity of Mrs. Hosseini allows us to provide each student with a certificate and a "prize". We cannot thank her enough for all that she does for our Westside students! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

In addition to all that Mrs. Hosseini funds, Westside's Night Alive is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. These funds provide the salaries and supplies for certified teachers to empower students in the following areas: reading and math tutoring, science, individual fitness, team sports, ballroom dancing, yoga, band, Early Act Rotary Club, gardening, newspaper writing, adult programs and more.

- Reading and math tutoring conducted by Volusia County certified teachers takes place for an hour daily.
- The Science program focuses on skills needed in the core curriculum as well as a robotics curriculum introduced with a grant from NASA.
- Individual fitness and team sports focuses on skills needed for tennis, basketball, track and field, soccer, use of the outdoor fitness park and more.
- Ballroom Dance is a program run by a USA Dance instructor. Students are taught proper dance moves and have performed at the Holiday extravaganza.
- Yoga was taught by a former VCS physical educator and a certified children's yoga instructor.
- Band is for grades three through five and performs at various events throughout the year.
- The Early Act Rotary Club is run under the guidance of Daytona Beach Rotary Club members and VCS teachers. Students learn the core values of helping others and does community outreach projects.
- Newspaper writing was initiated with fourth grade students and they focused on putting out a WNA/FBH newsletter for parents.

Campbell Middle TeenZone



SPONSOR: Lisa Zavota
PRINCIPAL: Craig Zablo

- Reading and math tutoring is conducted by Volusia County certified teachers and take place for an hour daily.
- Science program focuses on skills needed in the core curriculum as well as a robotics curriculum that was introduced with a grant from NASA.
- Individual fitness and team sports focuses on skills needed for tennis, basketball, volleyball, track and field, soccer and more.
- Technology classes provided students with math and science practice through simulated experiments using GIZMO software.
- Art Education was introduced by way of Art in History which taught about a time frame in history and then an artifact from that time was painted.
- BMX STEM program uses BMX bicycles to teach STEM based lessons to students.

The Campbell's Night Alive program was initiated two years ago with the intent of giving students a safe place to be afterschool. It has become a well respected program in the community that parent s relay on.

Campbell Middle School's after school program called, Campbell's Night Alive (CNA), has worked with Teen Zone to provide students with enriching activities in a safe environment. This relationship, through the kindness of Mrs. Forough Hosseini, has provided children with opportunities to experience events they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. We are truly grateful for her generosity. Those events include the Daytona State College Holiday Concert, ERAU basketball game, Coins for Children, Enrichment Camp meals, Daytona International Speedway trip, Health and Spa Day and the student rewards program.

In addition to all that Mrs. Hosseini funds, Campbell's Night Alive is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. These funds provide the salaries and supplies for certified teachers to empower students in the following areas: reading and math tutoring, science, individual fitness, team sports, technology, art education, BMX STEM program, adult programs and more.



New Smyrna Beach Middle TeenZone

This year, our Teen Zone group started out in October with a welcome meeting and some games to "break the ice". We kicked off the year with about 20 members. We met every other Wednesday from 2:45-5:00. Throughout the year, we have tried to have tutoring as well as fun activities that build confidence, respect for others and strong friendships.

For the first 30-45 minutes of each meeting, the students completed homework, read a book and/or went to the media center for any materials that they might need. Our students met in the art room where they have access to at least two computers. If the students do not have computer access at home, they were encouraged to check their Pinnacle Account (online grades), Edmodo account (online communication with teachers and classes) and/or do research needed for their classes.

This year, we had a few breakfast meetings to help students have a great start to their day. Students were involved in the serving and set up of the meal. The students enjoyed the breakfast meetings a lot. Sponsors cooked some of the breakfast items at home. Items were heated in our Food and Consumer Science room. Fruit and fruit juices were provided for the students.

Beginning in October, the students had a pumpkin painting meeting. In November, the students had a fancy Thanksgiving feast cooked by students in Ms. Rosa's class. Teen Zone sponsors gave Ms. Rosa's class a donation for their field trip and Ms. Rosa's students cooked the feast for the TZ students. Students decorated a fall table in the art room complete with pine cones (from agriculture) and clear lights. The students sat down to eat together. They pinned things that they were thankful for on a large board for everyone to see. Teen Zone was listed many times.

Thanksgiving worked out so well with Ms. Rosa's class. They decided to cook again for our Christmas feast. We had a gift trade activity that the students loved. We wrapped up packs of gum and items that middle schoolers enjoyed. Ms. Hardy started the game and it was a fantastic party. The students painted ornaments to take to their families. Mr. Johnson, our graphics teacher attended with photographers from the yearbook staff. A great time was had by all! Mr. Mead, a retired NSBMS administrator, provided beautifully decorated glass jars filled with M & Ms for each student. Ms. Hardy made goody bags for each student with a fresh fruit in each.

In January, we had our second annual Chinese meal for the celebration of 2013. The students tried new things. Many of them had not ever had Chinese food

except for with the Teen Zone group. Students and sponsors made a paper chain comprised of all of their wishes and goals for the year. At the end of the meeting, each person read their fortune. There was a very deep group discussion about what each fortune meant and what each person could infer from the reading of their fortune.

Our community supported Teen Zone very much this year. Project Linus provided knitted blankets, and quilts for our students. They were beautiful and our students were so happy to have them. Ms. Hardy also had a friend donate soaps, shampoo and conditioner that we were able to send home with students at the end of the year.

In February, we focused on love and respect. We made Valentines for people that were important in our lives. In March, we had a breakfast meeting and continued to work on the Green ovation project at our school. Teen Zone students painted stepping stones for our urban garden. In April, we had an old fashioned cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. Ms. Hardy brought her grill and we turned our urban garden into our own backyard. This year, we enjoyed Teen Zone field trips as well. The trip to Embry Riddle was especially memorable. We had one student that wanted to be as close to the court as possible. He had never been to a game like that! Our students were faced with many challenges throughout the year. Teen Zone has been a wonderful support system for them.

SPONSORS: Ms. Tina Hardy and Ms. Samantha Hughes

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Joe Rawlings

Thank You to everyone for another outstanding year at NSB Middle School!



New Smyrna Beach High TeenZone

For the 2012-2013 school year teen zone met every other Wednesday for two hours. Our goal at New Smyrna Beach High School was to provide academic assistance and a nutritious meal to students. Furthermore, we wanted to instill a "can-do" attitude in our students to inspire them to succeed in life and give back to others.

The first hour of our meetings was dedicated to academics, which included tutoring and completing homework & class work assignments. Students also used this first hour to visit other teachers to re-take summative assessments, or ask for work that was missed due to an absence. This was very important for academic success, since most of our students do not have transportation of their own. This extra hour for academics helped our students to bring up their grades and allowed for one-on-one time with a teacher or peer tutor.

The second hour of teen zone was dedicated to mealtime and activities. We not only made our own meals but also worked with the culinary department at New Smyrna Beach High School, led by Lynn Roberson, to provide healthy meals and always stressed the importance of well balanced diet to students. Students enjoyed the togetherness and companionship during meal time. As a group, we caught up on each other's lives and discussed current events or difficulties the students had encountered. If time allowed, students participated in events such as teacher aids and school beautification.

Food Brings Hope offered special events during the year and our students were fortunate to participate in some of them. The DSC Holiday Concert was a great success. Our students were treated to dinner after which they enjoyed the concert. The performances put all of us in a holiday spirit, which we kept throughout the season. ERAU game night was also a great hit with the students. Many had never been to a game and listening to Mr. Lochte was great inspiration. The special events gave our students experiences that they might not otherwise be exposed to.

All of the student enjoyed teen zone and its special events. The students and mentors have formed a bond that will last for the years to come.



SPONSORS: Ms. Gabriele Hughes and Ms. Estafania Curry

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jim Tager

Spruce Creek High TeenZone

Here at Spruce Creek High School, we were very excited to usher in our second year of participation in the Food Brings Hope program with the continuation of our TeenZone Club. This year we had sixteen full time members. Six were 10th grade students returning to the club from last year, and ten were 9th grade students in their initial high school year. Some of our 9th grade students had participated in the TeenZone program at the Middle School level, and they, along with their parents had requested to be involved with the program at our school. This speaks volumes about the reach of what Food Brings Hope has accomplished. As sponsors, it was truly a pleasure to watch these students bond with each other, and find comfort in a high school setting.

Like last year, our group met every Wednesday for an hour and a half. During this time, students completed homework and received tutoring and academic guidance. The transportation provided by the Food Brings Hope program was invaluable, as the participating students generally had no other means to get home. In addition, the food provided by the program served as a terrific incentive to keep these students on track. It was exciting to watch students come every week to spend time productively working on their academics. This was only made possible by the Food Brings Hope Program.

This year, our students were fortunate enough to participate in several events made possible by Food Brings Hope. First, we held our Spruce Creek High School TeenZone First Semester Awards Banquet. Six of our students received awards, provided by the program, for achievement in academics and citizenship. Next, our students attended the Embry Riddle Basketball Game. This was a terrific event where the students not only got to enjoy the game, but were treated to inspirational advice from coaches, players and Steve Lochte, the father and coach of Olympic Gold Medalist swimmer Ryan Lochte. The students enjoyed this event so much, it was difficult to get them back on the bus. Finally, our students participated in the Food Brings Hope Year End Banquet at the Daytona International Speedway. For the second straight

year, a wonderful time was had by all, as students were taken on a tour of the track, received a terrific dinner, and heard the advice of Nascar's Lesa Kennedy. Two of our students received awards for citizenship from Mrs. Hosseini herself.

In reflection, the 2012 – 2013 school year was a great success for the Spruce Creek High TeenZone. All of us involved with the program, including students, parents, administration, and club sponsors, cannot express enough, our gratitude for the program that Food Brings Hope has provided. We look forward to continuing our partnership and the benefits it provides for our students.



SPONSORS: Mr. Eli Freidus and Ms. Amy Herring
PRINCIPAL: Dr. Todd Sparger

How We Have Grown Thru The Years!

2007-2008

Teen Zone pilot program was started in Hinson Middle School with only 27 students after working feverishly for over two years on FBH's business plan! Forough, Pam Woods and other board members attended almost every week to help with the students. The yearend celebration was held at Takeya Japanese restaurant.



2008-2009

A total of 245 elementary and middle school students were active participants during the 2008-2009 school year in Osceola and Westside Elementary Schools, and Campbell, Hinson and New Smyrna Beach Middle Schools. Each school managed a customized version of this program based on the needs of their student population; ranging from tutoring programs, sports, visits to art museums, cultural programs, field trips, Thanksgiving corn husking and dinners.

2009-2010

395 students enrolled in the program from six schools: Turie T. Small, Osceola, and Westside Elementary; Campbell, Hinson and New Smyrna Beach Middle Schools. The "KidsZone" in primary and "TeenZone" in middle schools set their own agenda and programs. Students attended group events to include DSC Holiday Concert, Nutrition and Spa day, ERAU Basketball Game with guest speaker Donna Orender, WNBA President and Yearend Awards program at Daytona 500 Experience.



2010-2011

The program continued to expand to offer more opportunities, events and services for our KidsZone and TeenZone students. New Smyrna Beach became the first high school in Volusia County to hold a TeenZone Club. Special guest speaker for the year was Anousheh Ansari, first female space traveler. An event hosted for the first time was a trip to Halifax Historical Museum where students learned about the history of the Halifax area. They also attended a Cubs Game, ERAU Game, DSC Holiday Dinner & Concert and Year End program hosted at The Winners Circle of the Speedway with guest speaker Mr. Joie Chitwood, ISC's president.

2011-2012

The program expanded once again with Spruce Creek and Deltona High offering a TeenZone club at their schools. FBHonors pilot program was started at Westside Elementary with 13 of the brightest 4th & 5th grade students selected to attend a special afterschool program every school-day for 3 hours. New programs and partnerships were formed to include "Hands on Banking" Financial Education and Halifax Urban Ministries Feed-A-Family program to provide 40-pound bags of nutritious food to 50 needy families. Students enjoyed a variety of group events to include Comedian Maz Jobrani, performed at the News-Journal Center, Silk Road Dance Group along with our annual Holiday Concert, ERAU Game and Year End Awards presentation with over 400 students from eight public schools.



2012-2013

Food Brings Hope now touches 500 Volusia County School children and their families through its various initiatives, which include KidsZone and TeenZone afterschool programs in five elementary schools and five middle and high schools; FBHonors program for high achieving students; and weekend grocery bag distribution executed in conjunction with the Halifax Urban Ministries. These programs exist in ten Volusia County schools as a result of the dedication of the administration, faculty and students at these schools and support from institutions, businesses and individuals in the community.

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