

# ERAU hosts fundraising month for Food Brings Hope

DAYTONA BEACH – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide hosted a month long fundraising campaign to benefit Food Brings Hope students and programs.

Embry-Riddle employees donated and purchased tickets to participate in a series of bingo games and Friday ‘Jeans for Hope’ days from March 18 to April 22. Employees were able to donate \$5 to wear jeans to work.

A digital cookbook also was sold to raise funds for FBH and the Halifax Humane Society. Every recipe included in the cookbook was contributed by ERAU-WW staff, faculty and friends from across the globe.

The series of fundraisers concluded with a rally that included a silent auction and food items prepared by ERAU



**ERAU Worldwide Verification and Loan Specialist Annamarie Garcia, left, presents Food Brings Hope Executive Director Judi Winch with a check for \$5,052.** PHOTO PROVIDED

employees. More than 125 spectators and players met on the west field at ERAU-WW to watch the Embry-Riddle Daytona Beach campus defeat the ERAU-WW staff in a friendly game of kickball. To participate in the kickball game, players

had to wear a prom dress.

Spearheading the campaign this year was Annamarie Garcia, verification and loan specialist for Embry-Riddle Worldwide.

“Each year this event gets better and better with more people coming

out to donate to such a worthy cause,” said Garcia. “It warms my heart knowing that so many want to give to such an amazing group and knowing that it helps our local children and families makes it ever better.”

Proceeds from the month long campaign will directly impact more than 850 Volusia County students in the FBH afterschool programs and initiatives through nutritious meals, tutoring and enrichment activities.

“Food Brings Hope is thankful to be selected for the third year in a row to benefit from Embry-Riddle’s generosity,” said Judi Winch, Food Brings Hope executive director. “It is always great to see employees working together not only in the workplace, but also to benefit their community.”