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An Initiative of the Community Foundation of Volusia & Flagler

Food Brings Hope



2009 - 2010 Annual Report



Chair's Report

Food Brings Hope (FBH) initiative has come a very long way in its short 3-year history! We started the pilot program at Hinson Middle School in 2007 with only 27 students after working feverishly for over two years on FBH's business plan! During the 2009-2010 school year, we had 395-students enrolled in the program from six different schools!

We evaluate the success of FBH by how accomplished and enriched our Teen Zone and Kids Zone students feel. The clubs at primary schools, "Kids Zone", and the clubs in middle schools, "Teen Zone", set their own agenda and programs. The teachers together with their club members are free to choose the projects they want to work on, how often they meet, how many field trips they take, how many activities to partake in, etc. But, as an organization we are always planning events and programs to enrich the lives of our club members while giving them a chance to experience some rare opportunities.

In 2009, the first guest speaker we hosted was Governor Crist! Students from Westside Elementary performed a Step Dance after Principals Petrucciani and Winch welcomed the governor. Governor Crist gave a moving talk to our students encouraging them to work hard and always focus on what they CAN accomplish! Students had an opportunity to ask questions and take pictures with the governor.

The second club-wide event was the Holiday Dinner and Show at DSC. Students were invited by Sodexo for a delicious dinner followed by a Holiday performance by DSC faculty and students at the News Journal Center. Santa Claus met the FBH students after the performance and treated them to a surprise!

Later in the year, FBH students were invited to attend an Eagles basketball game. The game was preceded by a talk by Donna Orender, WNBA President, about how kids should always work toward their goals. Embry Riddle Athletic Dept and Coach Ridder treated the students to Pizza before the game. Mrs. Maurie Johnson personally baked cookies and brownies for our students! We are indebted to Coach Ridder as well as Dr. and Mrs. Johnson for always supporting

the Food Brings Hope initiative in many different capacities.

Health and Beauty Day is always one of our club members' favorite activities. For the third year in the row, Marjan Salon owner, Marjan Garthe, graciously offered to treat all our students to haircuts, styles and manicures. While a group was getting their hair and nails done, another group of students were listening to Mrs. Judi Boone about nutrition and getting their BMI's calculated to be shared with their parents. All the while, another group of students had an opportunity to listen to Coach Jenkins talk about Wildcats and what he expects of his players to ensure the success of the team and how the FBH students can apply the same tactics to their education and their lives. A healthy dinner was prepared by Mrs. Alena Vasicek.

FBH's end of the year program was hosted at Daytona 500 Experience through the generosity of International Speedway Corporation with the help of Mr. Dan Houser. All our club members got a tour of the track, saw a 3-D movie, and were treated to a delicious dinner, once again through the generosity of Sodexo under the leadership of Mr. Rodney Cruise. Students received gifts for participation. Two students from each school, a girl and a boy, were selected by their own schools as the Outstanding Student of the Year and received a gift certificate for a bicycle as recognition for their hard work and applying their best!

One major accomplishment during this school year was a fundraiser hosted at two of the participating schools. Westside and Turie T Small Elementary schools hosted a "Coins for Children" fundraiser. They raised \$489.00. In just two short weeks! Mr. Dan Francati generously matched the raised funds by these students 3 to 1! The money will be used for improving programs for the club members.

We are honored to have some of the most distinguished individuals on our board. It is through the selfless giving and leadership of these community members that FBH has been able to achieve so much in such a short time. We are honored that Judge David Beck has decided to join our board. We are indebted to our board members for three years of giving of their time and their treasure.

We look forward to another exciting year for our returning club members as well as new members and are working hard to ensure FBH's students are able to accomplish what is most important to them; including but not limited to enhanced academics, improved behavior, learning of other cultures, visiting colleges and universities, more participation in athletics, and also learning to give back to the very community that has worked so hard to further enrich the lives of FBH's Kids Zone and Teen Zone students.

Thank you,

Forough B. Hosseini, Chair

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Who We Are

Food Brings Hope is an initiative of the Community Foundation, a division of United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties. Food Brings Hope is supported by a donor-designated fund, sponsored by the Hosseini Family Foundation, committed to helping break the poverty cycle for homeless and economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County schools.

Our Mission

Food Brings Hope achieves collaborative solutions for families with children that experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources that provide nutritional assistance. We work closely with caring partners in the school district, social service agencies, and other friends who provide us with the benefit of their time and contributions.

Some of our initiatives are programs operating at Campbell, Hinson, and New Smyrna Middle Schools, and Osceola, Turie T Small and Westside Elementary schools. These are school-based programs that provide at-risk students with meals, within the structure of a tutoring atmosphere and activities program.

Scope of the Problem

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of homeless and hungry children living right here in our own community, most of whom are school aged and sometimes un-reached by the traditional safety nets of our human service agencies. It is a little-known fact that county-wide, the population of homeless children averages about 1,000 (source: Volusia County School District office of the Homeless Liaison).

Key Components of this Program

- Tutoring program for extra credit
- After-School transportation to and from school
- Free dinner and snacks
- Field trips to area museums, sporting events, cultural programs, etc.
- Fun learning and activities programs
- Reward system for academic improvement, good citizenry, attendance, etc.



KIDSZONE is the *Food Brings Hope* sponsored program at **Turie T Small Elementary School** 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 third thru fifth grades who need additional support.

"TURIE T. SMALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" **KIDSZONE** program had one hundred and twenty students participating each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students were tutored for an hour and a half in the areas of reading, writing and math. Students were also provided the opportunity to participate in Science camp which was held for four hours each Saturday during the fall semester.

KIDSZONE program was focused on providing comprehensive tutorial opportunities to increase and accelerate the academic achievement of the lowest performing students in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. In order to provide equity and access for all the students who needed tutoring, Food Brings Hope provided transportation for students who lived two miles or more from school.

The most significant measurable outcome for this school year has been shown using SINI scores as FCAT scores had not been received for comparison. In a three month period from September to December 2009 results showed an increase of 11.7% for fifth grade, 12% for fourth grade and 8% for third grade KZ Students.

KIDSZONE

Meets Governor Charlie Crist





KIDSZONE at **Osceola Elementary School** provides the after-school environment for kids in need of special academic and nutritional assistance. Osceola's **KIDSZONE** program is a multi-faceted on-site after school program. One key component of this program focuses on providing additional tutoring in reading, writing, and mathematics for students who need additional support.

"OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL" **KIDSZONE** students met on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the 2009-2010 school year. The program was divided into two different sessions to accommodate the academic needs of all the students. The first session ran from October through March, tutoring eighty-five third, fourth, and fifth graders. After FCAT in March, the second session began providing tutoring to sixty-five kindergarten, first and second graders. Food Brings Hope provided nutritious snacks, dinners and transportation.

In addition to the weekday tutoring, a Saturday Science Camp was offered to fourth and fifth graders during the months of January and February. The twenty-five students who participated in the camp received intensive reading instruction using non-fiction science texts. They also conducted hands-on science experiments and investigations. Students were provided with transportation to and from school as well as lunch before their departure home each Saturday.



Science Experiment

Food Brings Hope also provides all students participating in **KIDSZONE** opportunities to attend sporting, arts and cultural programs such as a traveling art exhibit, an Embry Riddle Aeronautical University basketball game, a trip to the Daytona International Speedway, and an end of the year awards banquet. Ultimately **KIDSZONE** provided students with wonderful opportunities throughout the school year to increase their academic achievements, participate in cultural programs, and be provided with nutritious snacks and dinners. The students truly enjoyed their **KIDSZONE** experience and are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to participate in the program again next school year!



Governor Crist - November 3, 2009



Daytona 500 Experience Track Tour



Citizenship of the Year Award Winners



KIDSZONE operates as part of the “Westside Night Alive” program every weekday afternoon at **Westside Elementary School**. *Food Brings Hope* provides food and rewards for this marvelous after-school program while the tutoring component is funded by 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21stCCLC) grant from the State of Florida and support from partners and sponsors.



“WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY” The “Westside Night Alive”, WNA’s, mission is to provide after-school, evening and summer physical and educational activities in a healthy, safe environment. With the help of parents, guardians, and the community we strive to be a source of motivation for the children and a place of opportunities for the families of our community. A very important partner and supporter is Mrs. Forough Hosseini and her integrated network of service organizations that together help WNA provide academic and personal enrichment activities, events and services to targeted students and families.

DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE HOLIDAY CONCERT

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Hosseini provided a very special holiday field trip for Westside and other schools. WNA students and families, along with groups from several other schools, were bused from the Westside Elementary School campus to Daytona State College for a special holiday dinner, and then to The News Journal Center to be treated to a very enjoyable holiday concert. The food generously sponsored by Sodexo, was delicious and the performance was fantastic. This was a great “life experience” for our students.



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND SPA DAY



Coach Jenkins

The second annual Health, Nutrition and Spa Day, as part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” program was enjoyed by, rewarding for and greatly appreciated by all. *Food Brings Hope* provided **KIDSZONE**, **TEENZONE** and WNA students to Health, Nutrition and Spa Day. A nutritious and delicious meal was prepared and served to all students and chaperones. Coach Jenkins, head football coach at Bethune-Cookman University, provided an inspiring and motivational presentation. Professional beauticians from Marjan’s Salon treated students with manicures and haircuts; a health and nutrition program was provided, and the students received a BMI assessment. The well planned and facilitated multi-function program was very educational, enjoyable and inspiring for all the students. Mrs. Hosseini and Westside Principal, Judi Winch, were a great pair of inspirational co-hosts, visiting each activity and interacting with presenters, students and chaperones.



Marjan’s Salon



Judi Boone, Nutritionist

STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

In order to motivate students towards increased attendance, improved punctuality and improved performance, WNA holds four student awards programs per school year. Awards are presented for attendance, punctuality, improvement, achievement and citizenship. *Food Brings Hope* provides appropriate gifts (rewards) to all students earning awards. The awards and gifts recipients number between 60-84 awards per program. Mrs. Hosseini attends many of the awards programs and has spoken to our appreciative WNA students, faculty and parents. *Food Brings Hope* has also provided motivational speakers and special guests including business leaders, mayors and organization directors. The motivational and encouraging results of these efforts to our students and families are tremendous.

FCAT CAMPS

WNA facilitates five Saturday FCAT Camps to help prepare targeted students for the FCAT tests. These camps involve from 50-60 targeted students. *Food Brings Hope* sponsors a late morning meal for all students at these events. This is a treat and part of the overall incentive and reward for participation.

DAYTONA 500 EXPERIENCE YEAR END EVENT

Westside's Night Alive **KIDSZONE** ended the regular year with a bang as Mrs. Hosseini sponsored a wonderful year-end program and field trip to the International Speedway and The Daytona 500 Experience for several after school programs. It was a very unique experience for many of our students, and one they will long remember. Two students from each school were named Citizenship Award winners and each award winner



was rewarded with a bicycle by Food Brings Hope Initiative. It was also wonderful that our award winners' parents were able to attend the program. We provided a record number of WNA academic tutoring hours. Daytona International Speedway generously hosted all of the **KIDSZONE / TEEN-ZONE** students with help of Mr. Dan Houser. Once again, Sodexo, Inc. sponsored the dinner. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Mr. Rodney Cruise.

SUMMER CAMP "PERSIA DAY"

For three years in a row, during WNA's 6-week Summer Camp, cultural enrichment is prioritized. WNA students spend one week of Summer Camp learning about Persia and its people, history, customs, and geography. Through *Food Brings Hope*, Manous Richey and Satra Ahmadzadeh thrill the



students and teachers with slide presentations, stories, and treats. The multi-hour presentation typically concludes with a very interesting question and answer session and a group Persian Dance.



FOOD BRINGS HOPE "SPECIAL EVENTS"

Throughout the year, *Food Brings Hope*, along with generous sponsors creates, plans and facilitates extra special events providing students with wonderful life experiences.

"MEET GOVERNOR CRIST"

Hundreds of **KIDSZONE** and **TEENZONE** students, all dressed in golden-rod colored t-shirts, were treated to a field trip November 3, 2009 to "Meet the Governor" at Hinson Middle School. A series of memorable presentations by Mayor Fred Costello, Dr. Margaret Smith, Mr. Ray Salazar, Mr. Ted Petrucciani and Mrs. Judi Winch laid the foundation for an inspiring message by Governor Crist.



After Governor's inspirational talk, he held a Q & A session for students. Governor Crist mingled with those attending and posed for photographs with individuals as well as with school groups. All participating were treated to pizza, entertaining music and dance performances from student groups representing each school. This was a unique, memorable event for all in attendance.



"MEET WNBA PRESIDENT"

On January 22, 2010 over 200 students from five schools were provided a field trip to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The students, all wearing **KIDSZONE** and **TEENZONE** t-shirts, filled a complete section of the stands as they enjoyed hearing from WNBA President, Donna Orender; introduced by ERAU Basketball coach, Steve Ridder.

After Mrs. Orender's inspirational talk, students thoroughly enjoyed PIZZA provided by ERAU Athletic Department and desserts baked by Maurie Johnson. The large contingent of students made for a very vocal and enthusiastic cheering section for the winning ERAU basketball squad. Two of the highlights of the evening were when Ms. Orender joined the students in the stands for a while and when Mrs. Hosseini visited the students in the stands. Mrs. Hosseini was very loving and patient with droves of students who approached her to thank her for the event and to have her autograph their game programs. Each student was provided a basketball poster at the end of the event.



A Very Special Thank You to the following FBH Sponsors:
Sodexo, ERAU, DSC, DIS, Marjan's Salon and Mrs. Judi Boone.



Food Brings Hope program at **Campbell Middle School** is known as the popular **TEENZONE**. The program is staffed by two very dedicated teachers who provide assistance with tutoring, activities, and special projects during the school year. The biggest benefit of Food Brings Hope for these students is the transportation home after attending the afterschool program.

"CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL" TEENZONE meets every other early release Wednesday afternoon from 2:45 to 5:00. Upon reporting to **TEENZONE**, the students are treated to a light nutritional snack and then focused on their homework assignments, preparing for exams, working on projects, etc. Sponsors assisted the students in all subjects. The homework sessions were followed by 5 - 10 minutes of exercise, then 40 minutes of enrichment such as literature circles or direct instructions in math or reading. The literature circle discussions were led by the sponsors; students also viewed educational videos and participated in educational games. Hot meals were always a big hit. Sponsors with the help of students, prepared pigs in a blanket, Sheppard's Pie, and spaghetti (both the pie and spaghetti were made with ground turkey), and other delicious fares.

Food Brings Hope also provided opportunities for Campbell students to attend programs such as VanGo Mobile Museum at Hinson Middle; meeting Governor Charlie Crist and the president of the WNBA; Spa/Nutrition Day at Westside Elementary; Holiday Concert at the Daytona State College News-Journal Center; Track tour, movie and dinner at Daytona International Speedway, among other events.

Campbell's second year involvement with **TEENZONE** was a pleasurable experience shared by both students and sponsors alike.

TEENZONE

Meets Governor Crist





Food Brings Hope program at **Hinson Middle School** is also known as the popular **TEENZONE** which is staffed by dedicated teachers who provide assistance with tutoring, activities, and special projects during the school year.

"HINSON MIDDLE" TEENZONE program has 25 students who meet in a room designated for **TEENZONE** for two hours on early release Wednesdays from 2:45 - 4:45pm. TZ starts with a snack immediately after school at 2:45pm, at which point students are provided with teach-tutoring assistance for completing homework, remedial work, projects, or enhancement. The *Teen Zone* room provides students with computers, small library, board games, and school supplies needed throughout the week.



Following the tutoring period, the activities programs begins for 40 minutes. The teachers plan a variety of activities which encourage social interactions among peers and adults. Activities include: sports games, making holiday cards, creating rockets, campus clean-up, recycling programs, cooking, nutrition classes, attending field trips and community service projects. A nutritious dinner is then served. Students are offered the opportunity to take home left over food packages and a school bus is waiting outside to transport the students directly home.



HINSON
TEEN
ZONE



Students had the opportunity to...

Host a visit from Governor Charlie Crist who encouraged students to continue making education a priority by practicing a healthy lifestyle, studying diligently and listening to their teachers, parents and mentors. They attended a holiday dinner at Daytona State College followed by a holiday concert at the News Journal Center. **TEENZONE** incorporated culture and arts into the program by



hosting the VanGo Mobile Museum which brings a free museum field trip experience to Volusia County students.



VanGo
Mobile Museum



New Smyrna Beach Middle School's popular **TEENZONE** is funded by *Food Brings Hope Initiative* and is staffed by two dedicated teachers who provide assistance with tutoring, activities, and special projects throughout the school year.

"NEW SMYRNA BEACH MIDDLE" Approximately twenty students and two teachers were part of the 2009-2010 FBH program. NSBMS has a very diverse group with students of all ability levels. Some students were able to maintain a 4.0 GPA and honor roll throughout the entire year, while some struggled academically, but were ultimately able to succeed. About one-third of our students receive special education services. Diversity within **TEENZONE** was important to us when selecting participants.

TEENZONE met every early release Wednesday from 2:45 to 4:45 pm in the Art room. Immediately upon arrival, students begin their homework. Teachers were available to help with homework if necessary. Computers were also available for students use. Students who did not have homework read silently for the first 30-35 minutes of the program. After our homework session, students transition into learning various art techniques and working on a variety of art-related projects. During the final thirty minutes, students gather together for a nutritional dinner. At 4:45pm bus transportation is provided to take them home.

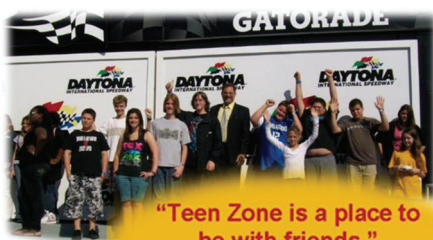


Teen Zone is a fun-filled art surrounding.
-Morgan Costa

This year TZ students participated in a lot of fun and exciting events. They had the opportunity to meet Governor Charlie Crist who delivered a powerful message about determination and perseverance. They attended a basketball game at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where they met Donna Orender, president of WNBA. They learned about health and nutrition, and had the opportunity to see famous pieces of artwork through the VanGo mobile museum where they learned about various artists. The final event of the year took place at the Daytona 500 Experience to include a tour of the popular Daytona Speedway, 3D movie about the history of the Daytona Speedway and dinner provided by Sodexo. The students thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities and events this year because of the opportunities provided by *Food Brings Hope*.



Governor Crist – Nov. 3, 2009



"Teen Zone is a place to be with friends."
-Brian Dunn

The 2009-2010 school year in **TEENZONE** at New Smyrna Beach Middle school has been an outstanding success for our students. From help with homework, to art projects, to outside picnics and exercise, to lots of gifts and goodies, to multiple educational as well as fun fieldtrips and plenty of good nutritional food, our students have had an experience of a lifetime.

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Hosseini and Mrs. Sims for providing this opportunity and for making each of the events first-class.


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Donor Designated Fund

You can contribute directly to our donor-designated fund "Food Brings Hope" with a tax deductible contribution of any amount in the form of cash/check, stock, or real property. Foundation staff is available to assist you in this simple and easy process.


To Donate

Food Brings Hope greatly appreciates and accepts any contributions. For information on how to donate, please contact Bill Ward, Community Foundation Director at 386.366.9059 or Vickie Sims at 386.236.4252. All contributions are tax deductible.



"Teen Zone! Where dreams are made." -David Ohler

TEEN ZONE



"Thank you for everything. I will miss Teen Zone so much." -Jessica Catalo

"I had a slamming time in Teen Zone. We were always doing something fun and creative. I loved it when we made artsy stuff, when we exercised outside, and we went on field trips. I learned about nutrition and the teacher helped me with math homework. I had a great time with everyone in Teen Zone. I loved everything!"
-Montana Bond



"Teen Zone is the best part of coming to school. I love it." -Devin Catalo

"My experience at Teen Zone has been unforgettable with all the field trips, food, activities, hanging out with friends, and making new friends. Thank you Mrs. Hosseini and Mrs. Sims for allowing me to have this experience."
- Robert Bonnell



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