

## Embry-Riddle brings hope to local food charity

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DAYTONA BEACH — Students, staff and faculty at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University raised \$46,000 to help area homeless children.

President John Johnson presented a check Friday to Forough Hosseini, founder and chair of Food Brings Hope. The nonprofit, founded in 2007, works with nearly 500 children in 10 area schools offering after-school and weekend meals, mentoring, tutoring, transportation, activities and trips to reward academic success.

"I am very proud of all of our faculty, staff, and students for raising money to help homeless children in Volusia County," Johnson said. "It is a significant contribution and will go a long way to providing needed support for our children in need. At Embry-Riddle we are a family and I am pleased that we have reached out to our community and those in need."

Hosseini said the money will help to feed 130 families, with four people to a family, for a year.

"Food insecurity by itself causes stress," Hosseini said. "When kids have that kind of stress, they can't concentrate on their work and their studies. We are trying to improve their academics and chance of having a better future by taking that food insecurity away from them."