

Food Brings Hope receives donation from ERAU

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Food Brings Hope Inc., a 501(c)(c) organization dedicated to fighting hunger and providing enrichment opportunities to underprivileged students in Volusia County schools, announces a \$46,000 donation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University for Food Brings Hope's (FBH) weekend grocery bag initiative. The check was presented on April 26.

Among other hunger-fighting initiatives, FBH, in cooperation with the Halifax Urban Ministries, provides bags of groceries to qualifying families of students in Volusia County schools. The bags contain 40 pounds of nonperishable items plus six pounds of frozen meats and are distributed to nearly 200 families across the county.

The Embry-Riddle 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 and chairwoman of FBH.

"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 Mrs. 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.



ERAU President Dr. John Johnson presents a \$46,000 check to Forough Hosseini, Founder and Chairwoman of Food Brings Hope.