

## News carriers to collect donations for Homeless Schoolchildren

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DAYTONA BEACH — Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley learned accounting, sales and dependability while delivering newspapers growing up in Tennessee.

The money generated from his paper route during high school and college helped to pay Kelley's tuition at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

On Saturday morning, he will join other community leaders — who worked as news carriers — in selling newspapers and collecting donations to benefit Food Brings Hope, an organization that provides meals and other help to homeless schoolchildren. The event, which is sponsored by The Daytona Beach News-Journal, is called News Carrier Hall of Fame Day.

"That's something that has been weighing on me for years," the mayor said about homelessness. "It's just a tremendous need."

Last school year, 2,228 homeless schoolchildren were enrolled in Volusia County Schools, while Flagler County had 367. School systems define homelessness as lack of a "fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence."

Food Brings Hope works with about 500 students in seven schools to provide after-school meals, mentoring, tutoring and trips rewarding academic success. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty and empower children to pursue their dreams.

Donations collected Saturday will help Food Brings Hope expand into three new schools in west Volusia, said its Executive Director Beth Butera.

Donations can be made to news carriers who will sell papers across Volusia. Participants include outgoing Daytona Beach Mayor Glenn Ritchey, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University President John Johnson, News-Journal Publisher Ron Wallace and News-Journal Editor Pat Rice.