



## Food Brings Hope Students Attend End of Year Celebration May 1, 2012



Close to 300 Food Brings Hope students from 8 public schools in Volusia County attended the End of the Year celebration on May 1 as guests of the Daytona Beach International Speedway Corporation.

Upon arrival, excited students were treated to the track tour, courtesy of the International Speedway Corporation. Daytona International Speedway's Vice President of Marketing Sean Belgrade welcomed the students and spoke to them about the importance of always doing their best. He encouraged the students to follow their dreams and always focus on their goals.

Food Brings Hope Chair Forough Hosseini congratulated the students on another successful year and told them how proud she is for all that they have accomplished.

With each year, Food Brings Hope expands to additional schools bringing opportunities and services to more and more students.

During the evening, fifteen students were recognized as recipients of the coveted Citizenship Award. This very prestigious award honors students who 'go above and beyond' on a daily basis. Students being recognized were those who study hard, receive good grades, behave properly, and treat others, as they would like to be treated. Each recipient received a \$75 gift card.

As part of the event, Food Brings Hope students enjoyed a fabulous dinner provided and sponsored by Sodexo. Mark Robertson of Beach Photo was on hand to take pictures as students went from activity to activity.

The celebration culminated with the elementary students enjoying a game of Bingo and the middle and high school students competing in a Cup Stacking challenge.

Food Brings Hope, founded by local businesswoman Forough B., Hosseini, is dedicated to helping break the cycle of poverty for identified homeless and other economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Public Schools. The program began five years ago to provide nourishing meals, enhanced academics, rewards for improvement, and opportunities to participate in sporting and cultural events.

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