



## Food Brings Hope Students treated to a Holiday Celebration

Food Brings Hope students from seven Volusia County Public Schools were treated to a Holiday Celebration starting with a delicious dinner followed by a magnificent Holiday Concert on Friday, November 30. Celebrating the excitement of the holiday season, over four hundred Food Brings Hope students enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and sponsored by Sodexo, Inc. while interacting with their peers, teachers and principals.

The students were then transported to the News-Journal Center to attend the Daytona State College Holiday Concert under direction of Dr. Doug Peterson. The students had the opportunity to listen to the symphonic band and concert choir and were enthralled by the vignettes from the "Nutcracker" performed by the Dance Theater. The students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and heartily participated in the Holiday Sing-Along! "We want Food Brings Hope students to have as many opportunities to be involved in community programs including cultural, educational or sports events as possible to introduce them to a side of life that they normally are not able to experience. Participating in these activities has a tremendous positive impact on these students." said Food Brings Hope Chair and senior vice president of ICI Homes Forough Hosseini.

Food Brings Hope, working with Volusia County Public Schools for the past six years, has made measurable progress in breaking the cycle of poverty for homeless and other economically disadvantaged students. Key components of the program include: providing nutritious meals, tutoring, rewards for improvement, and opportunities to participate in cultural and sporting events.

For more information about Food Brings Hope, please visit [www.FoodBringsHope.org](http://www.FoodBringsHope.org) or contact Beth Butera at [Beth@FoodBringsHope.org](mailto:Beth@FoodBringsHope.org)

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