



FOOD BRINGS HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FBH Family,

As we are beginning the new year, we look forward to working with you once again to support us in our efforts to expand our mission of helping the children and youth of Volusia and Flagler Counties to be hunger and homeless free.

Food Brings Hope would like to thank all of the dedicated and generous individuals who stepped up and gave of their time, talents and service throughout 2020. Due to COVID-19, our needs increased and changed to meet the challenges faced by all in our community, not just our students. Most importantly, the kindness and love shared by so many provided our FBH children and families with renewed HOPE. Thank you to All!

Our vision remains at the forefront of our efforts and energy. If you have a passion to create a community that helps underprivileged children achieve their full potential, please contact us today.

My Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2021!

Judi



FBH PROGRAMS RECEIVE T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

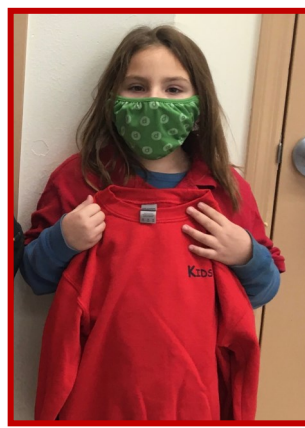
In early January, FBH began the process of sorting and delivering t-shirts and sweatshirts to FBH programs.

Students are encouraged to wear their t-shirts and sweatshirts to school on program meeting days. They also wear them to field trips to identify them easily as FBH students.

The sweatshirts have been very useful on the cold mornings that have been recently experienced.



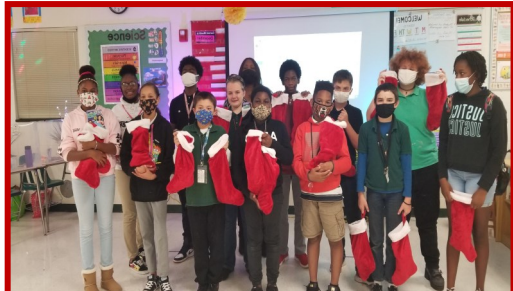
Westside Elementary



Longstreet Elementary

LATITUDE MARGARITAVILLE AWARDS \$5000 GRANT TO FBH

Food Brings Hope was recently awarded a \$5000 grant from Latitude Margaritaville to provide holiday parties to local KidsZone and TeenZone programs. Ormond Beach Middle School, Turie T. Small Elementary School, South Daytona Elementary School, and Pierson's KidsZone program received holiday party packs for their celebrations. The packs included stockings filled with goodies and small toys, cookie decorating kits, and a \$25 gift card for each family to help purchase a holiday meal. Schools were given funds to provide pizza, drinks and snacks for their holiday event.



DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL FEATURES STORIES OF HOPE

Beginning on Thanksgiving Day, the Daytona Beach News-Journal featured the Stories of Hope of students participating in FBH KidsZone and TeenZone programs. The students shared stories which included their plans for the future, hopes for the holidays, and family traditions.

These stories have been uploaded to the FBH website - [FoodBringsHope.org](https://www.foodbringshope.org). Please visit the website to read the entire series. Daytona Beach News-Journal subscribers shared their delight in reading these special stories each day through Christmas. Our students truly expressed their hopes for a bright future even during a difficult year.



Jakyra MacLeod shares Food Brings Hope story

From Staff Reports | Daytona Beach News-Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

ABOUT THE SERIES: Started in 2019, Food Brings Hope provides after-school programs to 27 schools in Volusia County and two in Flagler County. The programs provide at-risk students opportunities to improve grades, have fun, and receive nourishing food. Throughout the holidays, the News-Journal highlights the program by publishing the stories of some of its young participants. For more information, visit [foodbringshope.org](https://www.foodbringshope.org).

When Jakyra MacLeod was in fourth grade at Westside Elementary, she joined FBH's KidsZone program. After school, she would go to the program and receive a meal, a snack, and a gift. She has been a member of the program ever since. She has been a member of the program ever since. She has been a member of the program ever since.

At the conclusion of her sophomore year, FBH sponsored MacLeod to attend an invitation-only youth medical conference in Boston.

"The dream of becoming a healthcare professional grew stronger as I watched a live surgery and heard medical professionals, with similar backgrounds as me, discuss their careers."

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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Kevin Smith is Food Brings Hope's November Volunteer of the Month. He has been an active volunteer since October 2019, volunteering at many FBH events and projects. He assisted at the drive through food distributions at Mainland High School and delivered food bags to homes in the Deltona-Deland area. Most recently, he assisted in the toy distribution to FBH programs for the holidays and inventorying FBH's storage facility.

Thank you, Kevin, and congratulations on your award!

SUSAN VARGA SHARES DINNERS

Susan and Joe Varga are ardent supporters of Food Brings Hope. In December, Susan once again prepared homemade meals and supplied several Daytona Beach families with groceries so they could enjoy a holiday meal with all the trimmings. She and FBH's Executive Director delivered the meals and groceries the week before Christmas. The families who received these meals were extremely grateful for Susan's and Joe's generous donation. She is planning on continuing to serve six families meals and groceries monthly.



NOVEMBER BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Bank of America was recently recognized as FBH's November Business of the Month. Bank of America exhibits their support of FBH through special event funding, grants and leadership opportunities for FBH students.

Karen Jacobs, Senior Vice President Market Manager, has partnered BoA with FBH on many initiatives. Bank of America has supported expanding programs such as the addition of Heritage FBHonsors and Bank of America's Youth Leaders Program.

Food Brings Hope is grateful for the support and congratulates Bank of America on their recognition.

Karen Jacobs and Cindy Politis of Bank of America drop off school supplies to Judi Winch, Executive Director, FBH.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AWARD, BANK OF AMERICA!

ADVENTHEALTH DAYTONA BEACH LIGHTS UP HOPE HOUSE

During the first week of December 2020, volunteers of AdventHealth Daytona Beach served as Santa's surrogates. A group of volunteers decorated Food Brings Hope's Hope House, our unaccompanied home for youth. As darkness approached, they flipped the switch and lit up Hope House with a beautiful light display. House Manager, Mary Ramsey, expressed her gratitude for the volunteer's creativity and hard work saying, "The house looks beautiful, and we are grateful to AdventHealth Daytona Beach for choosing our home for this wonderful holiday project."



SUPPORT FBH WITH AMAZONSMILE

During the pandemic many of us are using online shopping services such as Amazon.

Food Brings Hope asks that you consider using AmazonSmile for your shopping and choose FBH as your charitable organization of choice.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support FBH every time you shop at no cost to you.

Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to FOOD BRINGS HOPE INC.



If you know a child or youth under the age of 25 yrs. old who is in need of assistance with food or housing, please have them call or text our VCan2020 help line #386-999-1888. You can support VCan2020 by liking our Facebook Page and by visiting our website [VCan2020.org](https://www.vcan2020.org).

If you would like more information, please email [VCan2020 Assistant Director, Sofia Rivas](mailto:VCan2020@VCan2020.org), at Sofia@VCan2020.org. **Together VCan!**



Our Mission
Nurturing the Body, Mind and Spirit of underprivileged children in our community.

Our Vision
Creating a community where underprivileged school children discover their full potential.

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