



FOOD BRINGS HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FBH Family,

February is always considered the month of LOVE! Special cards, gifts and flowers are showered on those we love, but that is not always true for our FBH children. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have consistently been so generous in your giving and expressions of love and support provided to our homeless and hungry children not just one month, but each and every month of the year. YOU have made a difference in the life of a child!

Thirty one FBH children recently shared their Stories of Hope in the DB News Journal and all 31 received a special present from someone who read about their life and dreams. A volunteer makes homemade meals for FBH families and delivers to their doorstep not caring about the part of town she is in or the condition of the home. It is amazing to witness the involvement of our youth in supporting those their age who are hurting and hungry such as a 6 year old selling his artwork and donating the money to FBH, a 5th grader working to earn money to buy items for residents of Hope House, a teenager using his truck to deliver food bags, and a middle school student volunteering her time to help support the KidsZone students at Pierson. And then, at the other end of the age spectrum, there is also the Senior citizen who can't get out to serve, but yet makes quilts, blankets and hats to give to our children or a baby in their family. No matter the age or circumstance, our FBH Family always steps up to make certain our children are cared for and loved!

Thanks to All of You!

My Best,

Judi



VCAN WELCOMES NEW PERSONNEL

Sofia Rivas joined the FBH/VCAN team in January as the VCAN Assistant Director. As a recent Florida State University graduate and former Student Government President at Daytona State College, Ms. Rivas has a committed desire of giving back to the community. While she advocated and supported student initiatives on campus as Student Government President, Ms. Rivas also served as a former volunteer for FBH at the Adult Literacy Program in Pierson.



Ms. Rivas hopes to bring awareness about local community resources to those reaching out to the VCAN helpline and is excited to make a difference in Volusia County. She will be supporting the VCAN mission that aims to eradicate youth hunger and homelessness.

Kathy Clark started as the VCAN Director on February 1st. She has a passion for helping others and enhancing systems of service. Ms. Clark has a wide range of experience assisting those in need at the local and international level, and she dedicated many years towards aid work for humanitarian organizations, such as the American Red Cross and the International Rescue Committee.



Ms. Clark will be serving the community and clients through direct VCAN support to resolve issues of hunger and homelessness.

COAMED CLINIC IN PIERSON

A team of Orlando doctors recently volunteered and visited the San Jose Mission in Pierson to provide much needed well check-ups for local residents. The Food Brings Hope event was made possible by a partnership between FBH and COAMED.

COAMED is a non-profit organization established in 2015 to support under-served communities in the state of Florida and overseas. The COAMED Association members provide preventive, therapeutic, supportive and rehabilitative health care services to individuals living in one of these communities.

The event provided services to Pierson residents many of whom participate in the Adult Literacy Program provided at the Mission by Food Brings Hope and Daytona State College's Adult Continuing Education Department.

Clinic patients received medical examinations, and a pediatrician was on site to provide services to the youth.



Dr. Hernando Cardona, Dr. Nicolas Fernandez, Silvia Garcia, Aida Arroyave and Andres Arroyave

SARA CLARK COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR FBH

Sara Clark, a 5th grade student who participates in Tomoka Regional Online, spread holiday cheer at FBH's Hope House, our home for unaccompanied youth. Sara used funds she earned walking dogs to purchase Christmas stockings and filled them with socks, hair ties, hand wipes, mirrors, brushes, toothbrushes, and snacks. She also set up a donation box at her neighborhood mini mart to collect non-perishable food and household items for the Hope House pantry.



She was motivated by previous experiences volunteering in a soup kitchen and preparing/distributing homeless comfort kits on a prior occasion.

She says, "I believe it is unfair that some people do not have a warm blanket to sleep with at night or food in their belly."

Sara embodies the expression, "Talk less, act more."



Thank you, Sara, for your caring heart and kindness towards others!

FBH STUDENT OF THE MONTH—CARTER HOFFMAN

Carter Hoffman was awarded Food Brings Hope's Student of the Month. Carter was recognized for this award because of his caring heart and generous spirit. While working on a Volusia Online assignment in December, six-year-old Carter discovered his love of painting with acrylics. He is a prolific artist and soon his home was filled with his paintings. He and his parents discussed how they could encourage his creativity while helping the community. They decided to auction his pieces and donate the proceeds to Food Brings Hope.



The Hoffman family's generosity will benefit more than 1700 students who participate in Food Brings Hope's KidsZone, TeenZone and FBHonors programs each week.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AWARD, CARTER!

SAVE THE DATE! JERSEY MIKE'S MONTH OF GIVING

Jersey Mike's Subs will celebrate a "Month of Giving" beginning March 1, 2021. This event will culminate on March 31st on the Jersey Mike's Day of Giving. On this day, 100% of all sales will go to Food Brings Hope. Once again, Drew Maider, owner of four local stores, has designated Food Brings Hope as the Charity of Choice.

This year, on the Day of Giving, Jersey Mike's will offer FREE delivery for all orders that are placed through their app and delivery is selected as the option.

Organizations can also pre-pay for any catering orders that are needed for meetings or donations in the future. Jersey Mike's will save orders and contact information for future delivery.

Donation options will be on the Jersey Mike's Subs' website and app this year and information provided at checkout for every customer (\$1, \$3 and \$5 options).

Jersey Mike's Subs has been a strong supporter of Food Brings Hope for the last seven years. We are looking forward to again partnering with Jersey Mike's Subs this year during their Month of Giving. Help us achieve our Goal of \$30,000! Thank you.



**Jersey Mike's
Month of Giving
Motivational Kick-Off Meeting**

**Drew Maider, Owner,
with FBH Executive Director,
Judi Winch, and
store managers.**

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.

If you would like more information, please email VCAN2020 Director, Kathy Clark, at Kathy@VCan2020.org or Assistant Director, Sofia Rivas, 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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