

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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



To empower the community through opportunities for homeownership for hard-working families.







Eradicate hunger & homelessness among children and youth in Volusia County!





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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR



The 2020-2021 school year was very challenging for all students, but especially for the FBH students. Lack of access to dependable Wi-Fi or functioning laptops created a huge disparity between kids who were afforded the technology they needed and those who didn't have access to dependable technology. The FBH team worked tirelessly to bridge the gap. Since the majority of our students were attending school virtually, and after-school activities were not allowed, we quickly devised a virtual afterschool tutoring program via Zoom. Students would virtually connect

to our classrooms and join a science, math or an English Language Arts room for tutoring.

We launched *Homes Bring Hope (HBH)* and the *FBH Prosperity Initiative in 2021*. To accommodate our expanding initiatives, we changed the 501(c)3 organization's name to **FBH Community, Inc.** All of our programs and initiatives are under one umbrella organization, but each have their own website, logo and still work toward their stated mission and collaborate closely to accomplish even more.

HBH was generously supported by visionary investors Jill Simpkins and Glenn Ritchey. Without their initial investments, we could not have started on such solid footing! I am grateful to Glenn and Jill and to all our other amazing expert volunteers, legal team, insurance expert and architect. I'm deeply grateful to Sliger & Associates who donated numerous surveys to HBH and many other companies who have supported us in various ways. A listing of all of our partners is on page 15. Bank of America donated two very large grants; Florida Blue invested \$100,000 toward our efforts, as did JPMorgan Chase. Others, such as Regions Bank and the Truist Foundation, also invested in HBH.

The FBH Prosperity Initiative is currently concentrating on the <u>32114</u> zip code. As one of Florida's poorest zip codes, with 53% of children living in poverty, we were tapped by the Florida Chamber to be the Champions of 32114. Through partnerships with various organizations and non-profits, we aim to help these families with health care issues (including mental and dental), further clients' education through certificate programs at Daytona State College, help them find better jobs through CareerSource and, ultimately, help them become homeowners to build equity for themselves and their children. Once these families reach a credit score that qualifies them for a low-interest mortgage, HBH helps them navigate through the process of purchasing a home. HBH has three pillars of support that you can read about on page 12. Through a grant secured from JPMorgan Chase *Advancing Black Pathways* program, HBH has been able to help our clients close the financial gap if their mortgage does not cover the price of the house. So far, the *Advancing Black Pathways* grant has helped four clients become homeowners. We will continue to partner with JPMC to help more of our clients become homeowners.

Our mission and hope is to significantly decrease the poverty level in 32114. Our vision is to reduce the poverty rate in 32114 by a minimum of 10% by 2030.

Our success is due to the generosity of so many caring companies, organizations and individuals who have always believed in us and supported our cause. We work with the most competent administrators, teachers and sponsors under the superb leaderships of Dr. Scott Fritz and Dr. Cathy Mittelstadt. We are expanding as fast as we can. Our goal is to offer programs in every school in Volusia and Flagler counties; however, we know that to get there it is imperative to grow thoughtfully and effectively. Until we can provide programs in every school, **VCan** was established so anyone in our community who suddenly finds themselves homeless or hungry can call for immediate assistance.

I am honored to have the trust of our community to help so many children and families in need. The entire FBH Team works tirelessly to address issues of hunger and homelessness every day. And now, with the creation of HBH, we can help our families become homeowners. We are proud to make our community more vibrant, healthier and happier by taking care of the basic needs of those who reach out to us. With My Deepest Appreciation,

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Celebrating Years of Growth

2007

- 1 School
- Hinson Middle School TeenZone
 Pilot Program
- 27 Students

2011-2012

- 9 Schools in Volusia County
- 450 Students
- FBHonors Pilot Program (24 Students)
- HOPE House Established

2013-2014

- Expanded to 11 Schools
- 550 Students
- Added Mainland High School
- Expanded FBHonors to serve two middle schools and continued at Westside
- Weekend-Feed-A-Family Expanded to serve close to 200 families

2017-2018

- 22 Schools in Volusia County
- 2 Schools in Flagler County
- 1,369 Students
- Serving 350 Students and Families
 Weekly Through Feed-A-Family
- Pierson Culturally Sensitive Pantry Opened



2019-2020

- 27 Schools in Volusia County
- 2 Schools in Flagler County
- 9 FBHonors Programs
- 1,720 Students
- 330,815 Pounds of Food Provided during COVID through FBH Initiatives
- VCan Helpline Launched
- 983 Youth and Families Helped through the VCan Helpline

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EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO... Everything!

KidsZone and TeenZone

Food Brings Hope's (FBH) afterschool programs, KidsZone and TeenZone, continued to expand to 28-schools in Volusia County and two-schools in Flagler County. These programs are designed to provide a platform and opportunities for children and youth to improve their performance at school, empowering them to reach their full potential.





By providing additional academic guidance, enrichment opportunities and nourishing snacks

and meals, our KidsZone and TeenZone programs seek to help at-risk students become productive members of our community. Programs include tutoring, educational and cultural field trips, reading initiatives, tours of college and university campuses, motivational speakers, and special events. Relationship building is an integral part of our students' futures so team building, and peer assistance programming are included to encourage positive interpersonal skills.

Each year, we have witnessed the success of our programs through improved grades and test scores, reduced absenteeism, and fewer disciplinary referrals.

FBHonors Program

Food Brings Hope added the FBHonors program in 2012 in memory of Farshad Babazadeh, the nephew of FBH Founder, Forough Hosseini who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. The FBHonors program provides our highest-performing students, from low socioeconomic backgrounds, with an even greater opportunity to excel. Through rigorous, rich, and varied academic and non-academic programs, we seek to empower creative and analytical thinking, helping these targeted students cultivate the deeper skills necessary to flourish in higher education and in building a successful career. The program is heavily centered on STEM educational programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The FBHonors program provide an academic foundation that opens doors to some of the most prestigious, innovative, and lucrative careers in the world.





Currently students, who began in the FBHonors program in 4th grade, are attending universities such as Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, University of Florida, and University of South Florida.



Pierson Family Literacy Program

FBH partners with Daytona State College to provide adults, in the rural community of Pierson, the opportunity to explore and complete GED and adult literacy programs. Coordinators, instructors, parents, and children meet two nights each week. ESOL, English for Speakers of Other Languages, classes are offered, ranging from beginner to advanced levels and focus on conversation, grammar, and using life skills.

Students in grades K-5 attend KidsZone and benefit from tutoring, as well as FBH's many field trips and other programs.

Individual Tutoring is offered year-round to students who need help in a specific subject or a personalized curriculum and instructional pace.

CHANGING LIVES - STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Juan Vargas is a 4th year FBH/DSC Adult Literacy Program student. Upon entering the program, he was

nervous about learning to speak English. Juan had previously applied for jobs to help support his family but had limited English skills. When his English skills started to improve, he continued to seek employment. His classroom instructor noted, "Juan approaches each assignment with eagerness and a strong work ethic. Juan's English is improving, his self-confidence has increased, and he now has a part-time job."

Juan shared, "When I go to work and my boss speaks to me in English, now I understand. The ESOL classes changed my life! Now, I know how to speak English better and how to write; I've come a long way."



Family Literacy Program

End of the Year Stats

67% showed improvement in listening53% showed improvement in reading.

SUCCESS DURING ADVERSITY

- 100% demonstrated improved computer skills.
- Five students gained employment for the first time.
- Four students upgraded their employment status.
- 100% of the students registered with the Volusia County library and received their own library card.



Pierson Pantry Impact

190,250 Pounds of Food Distributed

5,155 HOUSEHOLDS 20,536 INDIVIDUALS

Received Nutritious Food

575 Families First Visit

390 Hot Meals Distributed by Brian's BBQ, DeLand

- COVID-19 changed everything about the pantry's routine, forcing curbside delivery and a new sanitation protocol
- In 2020, we started distributing disinfecting and cleaning products, as well as, diapers, masks, and other non-food items to help our families deal with COVID.
- A record number of clients were served. On average, we would provide food bags for 150- families each week.
- Building nutrition consciousness into the culture of the pantry is our goal. In an effort to encourage clients to incorporate more fresh food into their diets, fresh produce boxes are offered every week.



Pierson KidsZone Program



PIERSON KIDSZONE STUDENTS

12 students enrolled K-5

The Pierson KZ Program provides students with academic enrichment opportunities and activities designed to complement their regular school's academic program including tutoring, homework help, academic enrichment using hands-on and computer-based math, reading, and science programs. Focus is on STEM by implementing hands on and project-based learning.

NOURISHMENT SUPERCHARGES FAMILIES

Weekend Feed-A-Family Program

Often, the children of Food Brings Hope come to school hungry.

- Research shows students do not learn when suffering from food insecurity.
- In order to eliminate this barrier, Food Brings Hope and Halifax Urban Ministries continued their partnership, in existence since 2011, to provide weekly food bags to families in our FBH programs.

Through this collaboration, HUM delivered over 360 food bags weekly to Food Brings Hope programs.

- These bags contain non-perishable foods along with frozen meats.
- FBH supplies a standalone freezer to each school involved in the food bag program.
- Because students receive meals and snacks while at school, the purpose of the food bags is to sustain a family through the weekend.
- Multiple bags are given before a holiday week or break.

Over TWO-HUNDRED TONS of food were distributed during the school year.

Eric Christopher DeVriese, Jr. HOPE House

Helping Others Prosper through Education

In 2012, the HOPE House was opened by Food Brings Hope to house unaccompanied youth, enrolled in Volusia County high-schools. HOPE House influences the future of these young people by providing them with a home where they feel a sense of belonging and can begin to truly flourish. Residents are taught the importance of prioritizing education while equipping them with lifelong values, such as accountability and work ethic.







VCan provides immediate relief services, with minimal barriers to access, for youth under the age of 25, as well as families with children under the age of 18.



Operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week since February 2019, the VCan helpline connects clients with a live and caring person regardless of what time they reach out for help.

A Call for Help

- Over 350 inquiries through the VCan helpline
- Served over 700 children and youth throughout the year
- VCan provides emergency food bags filled with non-perishable food items and deliveries are scheduled within the same day



Through the **No Kid Hungry** Grant, a box truck was purchased giving FBH the ability to pick up additional food from Second Harvest to be delivered to the Pierson Pantry and has given us the ability to pick up donated furniture and other items for Homes Bring Hope, VCan and FBH clients.

Providing Safe Shelter

For homeless families, VCan covers the cost of a temporary hotel stay that acts as a short-term solution for filling the gap between homelessness and permanent housing.

VCan provides clients with available resources and services to meet their other needs and connects them with community agencies that can work with them to obtain long-term self-sufficiency.

To successfully fill the gaps in services provided in the community, VCan accepts referrals from county agencies and collaborates with them to affect real change in the lives of our VCan clients.





"God is amazing! Thank you so much for all you do for me and everyone else like me! You are an angel."

Misty Creech

HOMES BRING HOPE

Homes Bring Hope (HBH), launched in February 2021, is an affiliate of the *FBH Community, Inc.* With a concentration of 3 million Floridians living in poverty, the objective of Homes Bring Hope is to reduce the poverty level in 32114 by 10% by 2030. To accomplish this goal, HBH leads clients through every step of homeownership, connecting them with down -payment assistance programs, reducing pre-closing costs through a team of reputable, reliable and knowledgeable partners in the industry.

THREE PILLARS OF SUPPORT

- 1. Assisting prospective homeowners with the purchase of an existing home
- 2. Buying and renovating existing homes for prospective homeowners
- 3. Acquiring lots and building affordable homes

Homes Bring Hope successfully purchased two homes in 32114 that underwent renovations to sell **at-cost** to clients in need. In its first year of existence, HBH endeavors to assist 12-families in becoming homeowners, doubling that goal in the second year. Once a client becomes a homeowner, our work does not stop there. HBH ensures that these new homeowners receive healthy groceries to fill their fridge, paper-products, and cleaning supplies as they transition into their new home. We continue to support and guide clients post-homeownership through frequent check-ins and a forthcoming Homebuyer's Club.







VISION

To empower the community through opportunities for homeownership for hard-working families.



BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Building a stronger community by helping *aspiring* clients *become* homeowners.





MISSION

To lead the facilitation of homeownership opportunities for hard-working families.



SIGNING OF LAND LOTS

The City of Daytona Beach donated four city-owned lots to Homes Bring Hope!

THE ROAD TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

The program has received immense support from municipalities, organizations, and individuals. During the fiscal year, Homes Bring Hope received a \$75,000 grant from Bank of America to support our program's efforts to help hard-working people qualify for homeownership. In addition, the City of Daytona Beach donated four city-owned lots to Homes Bring Hope. With an integrated approach, Homes Bring Hope will continue to help community members become homeowners and break the bonds of generational poverty by helping families build equity, the first step to accumulating wealth.

ASSISTANCE POST-HOMEOWNERSHIP

- Fill the Fridge with fresh, nutritious food
- Purchase cleaning supplies
- Maintain contact for continued guidance and support

WITH OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

Numerous individuals, groups and businesses have helped us accomplish the Food Brings Hope's Mission.

We are grateful for their unwavering support.

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THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are significant in helping us fulfill the execution of our mission. Thank you for helping us accomplish so much in the face of adversity. It doesn't always take a village to make an impact, but it certainly helps!



How You Can Make a Difference Today

FBH Community greatly appreciates and accepts any contributions. 100% of all donations go directly toward our programs that support children and families in our community!

You can contribute directly to FBH Community with a tax-deductible donation of any amount in the form of cash or check payable to FBH Community.

Mail your contribution to: FBH Community, Inc. 1400 Richmond Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32114

You may also make a donation through our websites: FoodBringsHope.org VCan2020.org HomesBringHope.org

For more information, please contact us at 386.317.5767



"When I think of Food Brings Hope, I think of hope, kindness, and thankfulness."

> Samantha Roylance Longstreet Elementary School Stories of Hope News-Journal

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