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Dr. Donald Doudna Joins Food Brings Hope Board

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Dr. Don Doudna has joined the board of Food Brings Hope. Dr. Doudna, a graduate of University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, is the Strategic Advisor of Serious Social Media and serves as Member/Advisor on numerous Boards of various high quality organizations. His expertise in relationship building for non-profits throughout the United States has helped community organizations maximize their resources.

"I am very excited to be part of FBH. The correlation between nutrition and reading success in school is significant. If students cannot read at appropriate level by 4th grade, they have a 60% chance of being on welfare or in prison during their lifetime." said Dr. Donald Doudna.

Dr. Doudna's area of concentration will encompass strategic planning, public relations and donor development. Dr. Doudna, who likes to be engaged in making real change, is engaged in several communities with reading, school conversions, and bringing hope and success to young people and their families.

"Food Brings Hope and Forough Hosseini think big and act passionately. FBH has a large vision of transforming lives. It is a pleasure to volunteer to work with Forough and her Food Brings Hope Executive Committee," he noted.

Dr. Doudna and his family have always been engaged with young people. He is the father of four children two of which are adopted and nine grandchildren, 4 of which are adopted. The diversity of his family includes a mixture of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, and blended. He and his wife Janice have been married 47 years and have worked with children in Africa, Russia, Thailand, and Honduras and of course locally in our community.

Forough Hosseini shared, "As we plan to extend FBH's programs and services, adding new schools to KidsZone/TeenZone afterschool programs, expanding the number of schools hosting FBHonors and broaden our reach through our partnership with the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation, Don's involvement and leadership will be very valuable. Tapping into his expertise, we will be able to do more for students enrolled in our programs and use measurements that will show our progress. We always aimed to reach every homeless and hungry student in Volusia and Flagler Counties. I believe, we will be able to accomplish our mission quicker and with more impact with Don's involvement."

About Food Brings Hope

Food Brings Hope (FBH), a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, provides collaborative solutions for families with children who experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources. FBH's mission is to nurture the mind, body and spirit of underprivileged children in our community. Among other services, **FBH** offers school based programs (termed

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KidsZone in elementary schools and **TeenZone** in the upper grades) that provide meals, tutoring and activities for at-risk students. FBH also facilitates enrichment activities such as Nutrition Days and Hands On Banking Programs along with field trips to local educational destinations and events. At FBH, 100% of all donations go directly to the programs that support students in need.

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