

FOOD BRINGS HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FBH Family,

As we end the month of February and move into March, the month of new beginnings, we not only will welcome Spring, but also 2 new members to our FBH Community Family.

We have been searching for the right person to fill the FBH Administrative Assistant position for over 6 months and finally found Alexandra Curtis who is filled with energy and enthusiasm and ready to take on this position working with our FBH students, sponsors, volunteers, and the rest of our FBH Team. Her major interests are technology and social media, and we look forward to her advancing our efforts in both areas.

Ironically, we hit the jackpot and hired Kelley Harrell on the same day. Kelley was hired as our FBH Prosperity Program Manager and will oversee our newest FBH initiative, Prosperity. Her efforts will go toward reducing the poverty level in the 32114 zip code, recently identified by the Florida Chamber as one of the lowest poverty areas in the state. With her many years of experience working in the non-profit arena, we have no doubt that Kelley will be able to foster economic growth for families living in this area by helping them to overcome barriers and build self-sufficiency.

Please join me in welcoming them to our FBH Community Family!

Spring Break is fast approaching and with it comes a much needed vacation for VCS leadership, teachers, staff and students. To all of our readers, take this time to relax, enjoy your family and Stop and Smell the Roses!

My Best,

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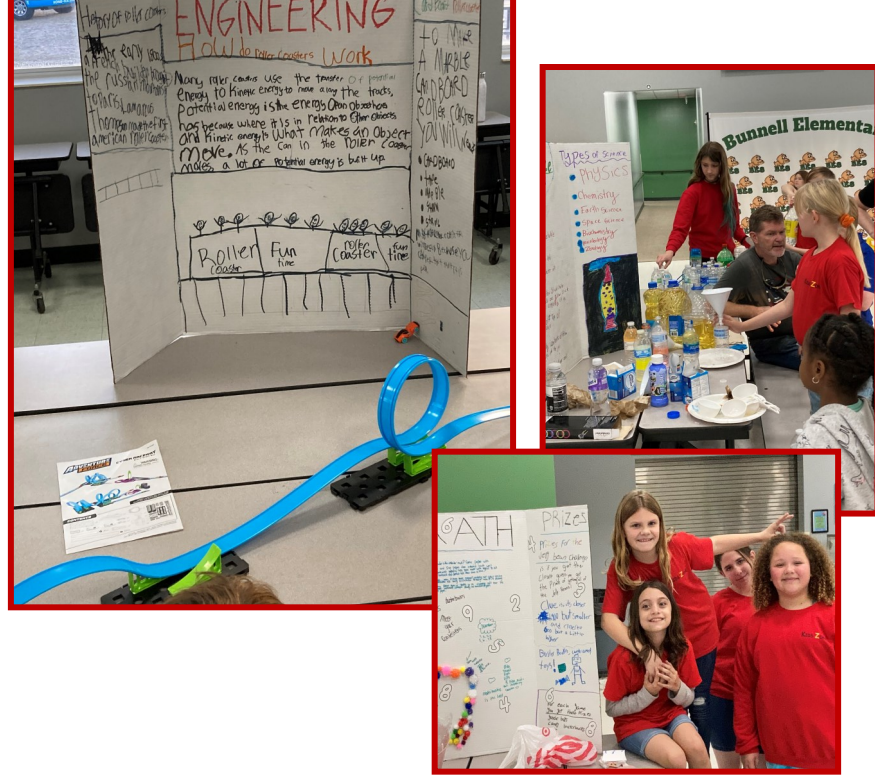
FOOD BRINGS HOPE DELIVERS T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS TO PROGRAMS

In January, Food Brings Hope delivered boxes of KidsZone and TeenZone t-shirts and sweatshirts to each of our programs. Students were excited to receive these deliveries, especially the sweatshirts, just in time for the cold weather that moved in. They love wearing their shirts to club meetings and FBH special events such as the ERAU basketball games in January. We love viewing the "sea of red shirts" at these events. Thank you to the volunteers who counted and sorted the shirts and our special delivery drivers, Tyler Winch and Mamie Oatis.



BUNNELL ELEMENTARY HOSTS STEM NIGHT

Bunnell Elementary recently hosted a STEM night to encourage parent engagement at the school. The KidsZone and FBHons programs sponsored 4 stations ranging from Math Skills to Glowing Lava Lamps. The students' knowledge of their activities was impressive! They competently ran the station with the sponsors supervising. Families were given a passport upon arrival and received a sticker at each station. If they completed all of the activities offered, they received a special prize. Diane Smith attended this event and stated, "I was so proud to see KidsZone and FBHons students taking on leadership roles. They were self-confident and represented our programs very well."



HBH - PUTTING FAMILIES IN PERMANENT HOMES

Homes Bring Hope would like to welcome Stephanie Cintron and Christopher & Amanda Lee to the Homeowner's Club! These two families completed their journey towards homeownership this month, becoming HBH's 7th and 8th families to do so in the program's inaugural year. With down payment assistance provided through the City of Daytona Beach, facilitated through the CFDC and MFHP, they will now pay less in mortgage than they did in rent and will have a home of their own to provide stability for their families. Christopher Lee, a U.S. Veteran, was also eligible for additional support through the HUD/VASH program of the Housing Authority of the City of Daytona Beach. Both families already have equity in the houses, which will assist in building generational wealth, and thanks to our partnership with H.U.M., they both have 1-year comprehensive home warranties to continue being supported. They will also receive nourishing food to fill their refrigerator - another element of HBH's service provisions. We are so honored to be a part of their journey.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who help our programs grow. Without your dedication and willingness to support our efforts, we would not be as successful! FBH recognizes an outstanding volunteer and community partner each month.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - SARAH HILL



Sarah Hill is FBH's January Volunteer of the Month. Sarah is the daughter of Brian Hill, owner of Brian's BBQ in DeLand. Brian generously donates 30 hot meals each week to students and families of our Pierson Adult Literacy Program. Sarah delivers these meals to Pierson families and then returns to the pantry to assist with the food distribution each week. Mamie Oatis, Community Operations Director, recently stated, "We appreciate the assistance Sarah provides in delivering meals and working in the pantry. She's such an asset to our volunteer group."

Congratulations on your recognition, Sarah! FBH appreciates you!

JANUARY COMMUNITY PARTNER - AdventHealth



AdventHealth has been chosen as the January Community Partner of the Month. AdventHealth has been a longtime supporter of FBH. Their generosity and commitment allows the FBH Community to put families in homes and to make a difference in the lives of the students in KidsZone, TeenZone, and FBHons programs. CEO Ed Noseworthy serves on the FBH Executive Board as an integral member of this advisory board. Ida Babazadeh, AdventHealth's Community Outreach Marketing and Public Relations Representative, coordinates service projects and AdventHealth's Day of Giving each year.

Thank you AdventHealth for your generous support!

FOOD BRINGS HOPE NIGHT AT EMBRY-RIDDLE BASKETBALL GAMES

Embry-Riddle Athletics hosted Food Brings Hope Night on February 9th. Food Brings Hope KidsZone, TeenZone and FBHons students attended both the Women's and Men's basketball games. This special night allowed students to experience a live sporting event at a university and receive a motivational welcome from Head Coach Steve Ridder. Embry-Riddle athletes from the baseball, golf, rowing, and volleyball teams greeted the students as they arrived and served them pizza, juice and dessert. Over 500 students, sponsors, administrators, and chaperones enjoyed the games and evening.

This year marks the 12th year that the ERAU Athletics Department and Food Brings Hope have partnered in hosting children involved in the FBH KidsZone and TeenZone after school programs. Each student was thrilled to receive their very own basketball at the conclusion of the event. As he was leaving, Roberto Pacheco from Pierson's K2 program stated, "Thank you! This is the first basketball I ever had of my own!"



Robert Pacheco & Ernie the Eagle



Galaxy's TeenZone students and sponsors



Forough Hosseini enjoying the game with KidsZone students.

WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Kelley Harrell joins the FBH Community as FBH Prosperity Program Manager. She brings more than 32 years of experience in nonprofit senior management and leadership, community outreach, fundraising, public relations and events management.

She began her career as Assistant Director of Financial Development with the American Red Cross in Palm Beach County, later moving to the Central Florida area in the role of Public Relations Director for the Florida Coast to Coast Chapter.



Kelley held the position of Senior Development Manager for the March of Dimes Orlando Market, and previously served as Executive Director of Market Development for Northern Alabama and Senior Community Director of Volusia, Flagler and Lake counties.

While serving in the Orlando Market, she was responsible for special events such as the Orlando March for Babies and Orlando Signature Chefs Auction.

Harrell and her husband, Michael, have been residents of Orange City for more than 24 years.

Alexandra Curtis recently joined the FBH team as the Administrative Assistant. She attended the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia and graduated in 2020 with a Bachelor of Psychology and a Bachelor of Religious Studies. She previously worked for 3 years as a Server/Manager Assistant at Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Alex is very adept at Social Media and has already taken over all aspects of FBH's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. She is working on strategies for reaching out to FBH's followers and growing our impact in these areas.

Alex will also handle the FBH website, KidsZone, TeenZone and FBHons programs, and coordinating volunteer opportunities and special events.

Alex was married in October 2021, and she and her husband, Eric, moved to Florida in January 2022. They currently live in Port Orange.



OIL & VINEGAR AND GALLERY 500 GIVE BACK DAY

Oil & Vinegar, a specialty shop in the Latitude Landing Margaritaville Shopping Center, Daytona Beach, chose Food Brings Hope as their February charity of the month. On Thursday, February 17th, Food Brings Hope received 10% of the day's sales. Additionally, Gallery 500, who showcased jewelry and photography from local artists, donated 10% of their sales. The Give Back Day culminated with entertainment by talented News-Journal Business Editor, Clayton Park, and his wife, Diane. FBH appreciates Owen Chittenden, Events Manager, for organizing the event and the support shown by all who attended. Guests enjoyed the music while taste-testing Oil & Vinegar's products and prepared refreshments.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

FBH needs volunteers for several upcoming events. Please contact Alex Curtis at Alex@FoodBringsHope.org if you are available for any of these activities.

- ⇒ TeenZone Tour of Homes, Friday, April 29th, 10:00am—2:00 pm at the Mosaic Community
- ⇒ FBH Got Talent, Tuesday, May 24th, 4:30pm—7:30pm at the DB News Journal Center
- ⇒ FBHons Banquet, Thursday, June 2nd, 5pm—7:30 pm at the Mori Hosseini Hospitality Center, DSC



SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT - CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

ERICKA BURNAM-HOYT



Ericka Burnam-Hoyt has been a Volusia County Teacher since 2001 teaching a variety of grade levels at various schools throughout the District. She is currently a proud Intensive Reading teacher for Volusia Online Learning. Ericka wears a variety of hats. She has been the Director of Campbell Middle School's, before and after school program, "Campbell Night's Alive" for the past 5 years. She truly enjoys helping Campbell students and their families. Ericka has coordinated a variety of parent events and academic and extra-curricular activities throughout her years as Director. Ericka has been a TeenZone and FBHons sponsor for many years and has worked hand in hand with FBH to support her students and the communities they live in. As a caring sponsor, she visited her students in their homes to deliver curriculum packets, food and gifts during COVID-19. She is well respected among her peers and the FBH staff.

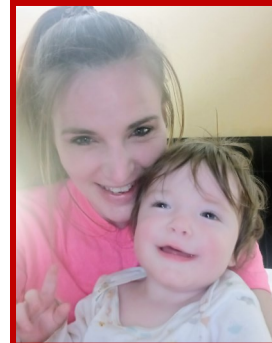
Congratulations, Ericka, on your recognition. FBH is fortunate to have you as part of the FBH Team!

FOOD BRINGS HOPE & HOMES BRING HOPE WISH LIST

FBH & HBH clients have expressed a need for cleaning and sanitation products. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please email Alex@FoodBringsHope.org. You may also call the FBH office at 386.517.5767. Alex can arrange a pick-up or make an appointment for you to drop off the items to the FBH office. Thank you!

- * Bleach
- * Laundry Detergent
- * Dish Detergent
- * Sanitizing Wipes
- * Cleaning Cloths
- * Bathroom & Kitchen Cleaners

In the month of February, VCan was able to help 51 children across Volusia County receive emergency food and/or a place to stay. VCan strives to fill the gaps for many homeless families by connecting them with local organizations that can assist with permanent housing, shelter, and other services.



Milane McCann is a single mother of a 1-year old daughter who came to Volusia County fleeing an unfortunate series of events which led her to seek help from VCan. Our program was able to provide more than a week's stay in a hotel while she made efforts to connect with the local shelters and housing programs. Through VCan's partnership with HUM (Halifax Urban Ministries) Milane is now a temporary resident of their family shelter, Hope Place. She will have the support of their case management team and has already gained employment. Milane shares her gratitude with the following statement, "Praise God for working all these miracles in my life and all the awesome people helping me. I feel so blessed!"



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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