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## **FOOD BRINGS HOPE RECEIVES A \$40,000 GRANT FROM TRUIST FOR COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS**

Daytona Beach, FL, June 3, 2020 – Food Brings Hope today announced it received a \$40,000 grant from [Truist Financial Corporation](#) to support its mission to eradicate hunger and homelessness among Volusia County youth and families. Food Brings Hope has an established, effective and comprehensive program to successfully meet this goal. However, with the onset of COVID-19, Food Brings Hope had to reconfigure and ramp up the program's assistance.

The grant is part of the financial services company's [Truist Cares initiative](#), a \$25 million philanthropic pledge announced in March to support basic needs, medical supplies and financial hardship relief due to COVID-19.

Food Brings Hope is dedicated to contributing to the hungry and homeless and to rallying Volusia County's cities, communities, businesses and corporations to collectively and compassionately join us to keep up with the spike in demand for food assistance due to COVID-19 and the subsequent closure of schools.

Parents are going without food so that their children are able to eat. Our families are asking for help in purchasing gas, food, toiletries and health items. Some have even turned to us for help with paying rent. We have 1,700 children who participate in our afterschool program and many of them receive the family food bag each week. In addition to providing food bags, Food Brings Hope sponsors two drive through food distribution sites at the San Jose Mission in Pierson and at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. Over 1,200 bags are distributed at these two sites.

Food Brings Hope Founder and CEO Forough Hosseini, stated, "Food Brings Hope is honored to have been chosen as a recipient of a grant from Truist. These funds will support the Food Brings Hope Mission of helping underprivileged youth and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant allows us to provide food and basic necessities to a vast number of children and families during this very difficult time."

"During this difficult time, many families are struggling to fulfill basic needs," said Will Landreth, market president for Truist. "Food Brings Hope is helping to provide for those in our community who are struggling due to the pandemic, and we are proud to support their efforts."

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

For more information about Food Brings Hope, please visit [FoodBringsHope.org](https://FoodBringsHope.org) or contact Judi Winch, Executive Director, Food Brings Hope at (386)843-1161 or [Judi@FoodBringsHope.org](mailto:Judi@FoodBringsHope.org)

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