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FBH PARTNERS WITH SODEXO CAMPUS SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOOD TO FAMILIES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Food Brings Hope (FBH) is pleased to announce a new partnership with Sodexo Campus Services during the Coronavirus pandemic to help with distribution of food.

Sodexo has been a strong supporter of FBH for many years including sponsoring Hope for the Holidays at various schools and distributing meals at the Pierson Pantry. Their purpose has always been community driven and when Food Brings Hope's demand for food increased multifold, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sodexo was ready and willing to assist.

Through Sodexo's vendor network, Food Brings Hope is able to purchase additional bulk food items to fill food bags provided to FBH schools and families in need. As part of the partnership, Sodexo orders and stores the food including produce and refrigerated items, provides work areas where volunteers fill hundreds of food bags a week and delivers the bags for distribution by volunteers.

Both organizations are working toward increasing the number of bags filled and distributed to two thousand each week.

Forough Hosseini, Founder and Chair of Food Brings Hope, said: "The moment procuring food became a road block for FBH to provide food for the children enrolled in our program, as well as other families in need of food during this crisis, I reached out to Gerard Short, Sodexo District Manager, and Artie Echavarria, Sodexo General Manager, knowing that they will find a solution to procure more food for us. What I didn't expect, was for them to provide the facility to bag, store and partner with us to distribute the food. We are blessed to be able to form such a partnership to help our community during this very difficult time for so many families."

Gerard Short, Sodexo District Manager, noted: "All of us at Sodexo are always happy to help our communities. We have had a very special relationship with Food Brings Hope and we believe in their mission. We have supported them in various ways during the past decade and intend to help them carry out their mission to the best of our abilities. When Forough called, Artie and I worked with our team and within one afternoon, we were able to find solutions to procuring thousands of pounds of food for them through our partnerships with national vendors. We look forward to helping FBH carry out their mission of feeding every hungry child."

FBH continuously strives to provide food for all the hungry children, ensuring that not even one child in Volusia County goes to bed hungry. FBH's initiative, VCan2020, works collaboratively with all area organizations to make sure every child in need of food or shelter is provided for, enabling them to concentrate on their schoolwork and leading healthy lives.

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 provide 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.

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