

FOOD BRINGS HOPE

Annual Report

2013 - 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



The last two school years, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, have been the most successful for the Food Brings Hope (FBH) initiative thus far. To evaluate FBH's success, we count the number of students we have reached, number of programs offered, number of special field trips planned and the impact of such activities on the success of our students.

We engaged in new endeavors this past year based on great ideas we received from our teachers and principals, from a special field trip scheduled for Southwestern Middle students to visit Plantation Bay community and see homes in different phases of construction including furnished models, accompanied by superintendents and subcontractors explaining the jobs they do and what type of education and training they had to have to be in that job to enhance students' understanding of various jobs to Taylor Middle High being selected as only one of SEVEN schools statewide to participate in the Hydrogen Car Challenge and through assistance from ERAU's engineering faculty and students who taught these students the Catia program and advised them how to obtain their desired design and finally helping them print a 3D car design enabling these students to win first place in design at the statewide competition!

In the 2014-2015 school year, FBH expanded to thirteen schools reaching more than 600 students from various areas of Volusia County. All of us at FBH will continue to work hard to make sure we can reach every student in need throughout Volusia County and we can't wait until we are able to expand to Flagler County! There is just as much need in our sister county and we will make every effort to reach those students as soon and as effectively as we can.

FBH has been blessed by the generosity of so many people enabling us to add more schools and programs. ERAU and Sodexo continued their unwavering support for FBH students on many different levels. We couldn't have continued to expand our program as quickly if it wasn't for their very generous support. The Women's Initiative of Volusia supported FBH through a generous grant, both in 2013 and 2014, in support of the HOPE House. We have been able to offer better nutritious food for our residents through this grant. Jersey Mike's Sub chose FBH as their charity of choice for their Month of Giving in 2015! They raised \$9,255 and selected FBH again as their 2016 recipient. We aim to work hard alongside them to raise even more money next year.

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A very sad but meaningful donation came through Locke and Ann Burt to honor their grandson, Eric Christopher DeVriese, a twin son to Eric and Melissa DeVriese, who was stillborn. Eric and Melissa chose Food Brings Hope as the beneficiary for those who wanted to honor their son. Well over \$75,000 was donated in Eric Christopher's honor! This donation was designated for FBH to expand the HOPE House to have a separate quarter for homeless high school boys! The HOPE House was renamed in the baby's honor, The Eric Christopher DeVriese HOPE House and his legacy will live on forever while enabling many young men an opportunity to have a safe place to live while they are finishing high school. We are indebted to Locke and Ann Burt as well as Eric and Melissa DeVriese. I hope they can take solace to the fact that their son's short life made

a difference on the lives of so many people; many of whom would not have been able to finish high school if it wasn't for a safe shelter to be able to continue in high school and become contributing members of the society. Food Brings Hope has truly been a community initiative! We are indebted to The Community Foundation for allowing us to set up a donor advised fund to start the program and they helped FBH become an independent 501c3 Public Charity when we grew too big!

Numerous institutions, businesses and other non-profits help us do more for our students. The economic impact has been immeasurable! Every day we encourage the students enrolled in our program to stay in school, study harder, follow the rules, etc. while giving them rewards for all the positive changes they make. The impact is not only keeping these students enrolled in schools but also for them to take all the positive behavior to their families and instill it in their siblings, cousins, maybe even their parents! Every resident from the HOPE House that graduates high school and continues to college or gets a job is one less person on the tax-payers' roll! Our aim is to work hard and expand the program to more schools in Volusia County and evaluate the possibilities of expanding to Flagler County!

Food Brings Hope has been very successful because everyone of Volusia County residents takes stock in our children and so many step up to help us achieve our goals! No child should ever be hungry or homeless in our community and we will work tirelessly until a day that we can consider Volusia County free from child hunger and youth homelessness, or as I have been quoted as saying that my aim is for Volusia County to be the first **Homelessless** county in the country! Until such a day, I ask you to please join us fight child hunger and teen homelessness in our community!

Thank you!

Forough B. Hosseini, Chair

WHO WE ARE / WHAT WE DO

Who We Are

When local business-woman Forough B. Hosseini realized the depth of the homeless and hunger problems among school aged children in our own community, she was stunned! In our beautiful and bountiful community, how could it be that more than 2,000 of the students are homeless? How could it be that the child sitting next to her daughters at school didn't have a place to go home to at night? As she learned how widespread the problem was, she started taking action. She, together with a few other caring community leaders, worked on a business plan for two years before they started the first pilot program in 2007.

What We Do

Food Brings Hope was founded in 2007 with the vision that children should be free from hunger. Through the extraordinary support of a generous community, Food Brings Hope, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, now touches the lives of over 600 school aged children. We help children in need through several key initiatives:

- KidsZone and TeenZone Afterschool Programs
- FBHonors Program
- Weekend Feed A Family Program
- The HOPE Project

Our Mission & Vission

Vision

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

Mission

Nurturing the Body, Mind and Spirit of underprivileged children in our community.

Measurable Results

- Improved test scores/grades
- Improved FCAT/ FSA scores
- Reduced sickness/absenteeism
- Reduced disciplinary referrals
- Increase in the number of students successfully completing each grade level and working toward high school graduation.

Serving over 600 students in the Volusia County School District.

Key Components of this Program

- Tutoring programs
- Transportation from school and to special events and activities
- Nourishing hot meals and snacks
- Fun learning and activities programs
- Student reward system for improvement
- Sponsored cultural events, motivational speakers, sporting events, instruction in managing finances and pursuit of a healthy lifestyle
- Seminars for Junior and Senior High students to learn about options upon high school graduation including college tours, completing post secondary applications, preparing a resume and job interviews.

Building Successful Teamwork in Our Community

A truly successful community is one that nurtures the strengths of every family and every child, and acknowledges the value of our interconnectedness. Greater understanding of this important problem in our community can help us collectively learn, lead, and grow, together.

At Food Brings Hope, we offer a vehicle through which a comprehensive team of professionals, leaders, donors, agencies, and volunteers are able to collaborate in coordinating existing resources to provide programs to at-risk children to fill the gaps not previously addressed.

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2013-2014 SPECIAL EVENTS

ERAU Basketball Game



The Embry Riddle Athletic Association hosted more than 300 of FBH's Kids Zone/Teen Zone students at the ICI Center on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Students and chaperones from Pierson, Starke, T. T. Small and Westside elementary schools; Campbell and New Smyrna Beach middle schools; and Mainland, Spruce Creek and New Smyrna Beach high schools received VIP treatment with a pre-game talk from ERAU's Athletic Director, Steve Ridder. Pizza and dessert were provided by the Eagles Booster Club and an impressive performance by the Eagles in their 84-50 victory over Johnson Suns.

Coach Ridder, who became a first-time Grandfather earlier that day, set the tone with a motivational talk with the students before the game. He emphasized the importance of having good character and being a good friend. Coach Ridder invited students to chime in with their opinions of the characteristics of a true friend. Some of the answers included: "Trust," "Respect," "Dependable." After hearing from Coach Ridder, two members of the Men's Basketball team followed up with a short talk with the students. Mrs. Forough B. Hosseini, founder and chair of FBH, and Mrs. Maurie Johnson, wife of ERAU President Dr. John Johnson, joined students in the stands to hear the important words from Coach Ridder and his team. Several school principals also attended, marking the importance of such a special event to their students in need.

Before tip-off, the Eagles Booster Club generously provided a delicious dinner of pizza, drinks and homemade sweets for the attendees. After dinner, the students, who proudly wore their new, red Kids Zone / Teen Zone t-shirts, settled into their seats for a game dominated by the Eagles. They cheered their team on and were even invited to participate in some of the time-out / half time festivities including a shooting contest and a "find Ernie" game.

Not only did our FBH students get to take away wonderful memories of a fun night, but they also got to take home Embry Riddle basketballs. They represented an ideal souvenir of a memorable experience which showcased sportsmanship, discipline, humility and strong character.

DSC Holiday Dinner & Concert

Food Brings Hope treated close to 400 KidsZone/TeenZone students to DSC's Holiday Concert on Friday, December 6, 2013. The students were treated to a delicious dinner and dessert sponsored by Sodexo in DSC's Student Center. Members of the DSC women's volleyball team volunteered to serve the meal. After dinner, Santa Claus joined the party and posed for photos. Later, students were transported by school buses to the News-Journal Center to enjoy the holiday concert. Nine of the ten FBH Schools attended the event which included Pierson, Starke, T.T. Small and Westside Elementary Schools; New Smyrna Beach and Campbell Middle Schools, New Smyrna Beach and Mainland High Schools and Taylor Middle High School.



George Perez, a fourth grader at Pierson Elementary, said he was excited to participate in the festivities because "I get to celebrate Christmas earlier." Emonie Youmans, a fourth grader at Westside, said "I love the pretty decorations." Perhaps one of the more poignant comments from the group was a quote from Thomas Lester, a Pierson fifth grader, who said he loved coming to the FBH sponsored events because, "we get respect and everything."

This was the third time Lisa Zavota, project director for Westside and Campbell programs, accompanied a group of students to this FBH sponsored evening. "This is a wonderful event because our students get to experience something they normally wouldn't be exposed to," she said. "Before we left school, we explained that they would hear music performed by people who were very talented and worked very hard and that we should all respect their accomplishments. You can actually see the music having a physically calming influence. Our students are always thrilled to be a part of these events."

"In addition to providing the core elements of food, tutoring and a rewards system to students in need, we also place a high priority on enrichment activities like the Holiday Concert sponsored by DSC," said Forough Hosseini, founder and chair of FBH. "We have found that exposing at-risk children to cultural events provides them with a perspective that they may never have received otherwise. And in doing so, we believe we present meaningful new goals for the students to strive for - in their studies and in their every day lives."

Sports Nutrition Day

Food Brings Hope brought its annual "Sport Nutrition Day" to Westside Elementary School on Thursday, February 13, 2014. More than 180 students from Westside and Pierson elementary schools enjoyed a day of fun, food and healthy lifestyle instruction. FBH Sport Nutrition Day 2014 featured an animated discussion led by Judi Boone, a certified personal trainer and nutrition coach; an entertaining and lively Zumba class by Quanita; sports drills by members of the ERAU basketball team; and of course, a hearty hot dinner served by a crew of volunteers.

Quanita, of Quanita's Latin Dance and Ballroom, led the students in a high energy Zumba class, followed by some Tai Chi and deep breathing at the end of the sessions. She suggested the students employ deep relaxation breathing before their next test, to calm themselves and possibly remember the material better. Members and coaches of the Embry Riddle Men's Basketball Team took the students through some sport drills, including a free throw contest on the basketball courts.



Nutritionist and personal trainer Judi Boone, used a stop light to explain the difference between Green Light, Yellow Light and Red Light foods, emphasizing that we should all strive to make healthy food choices.

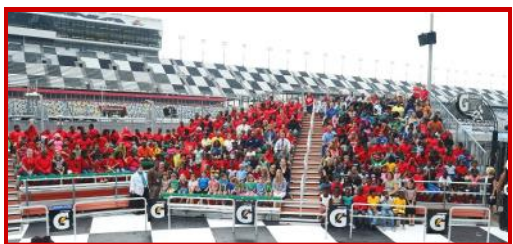


In her class, the students listened attentively and nearly all of them raised their hands to participate or volunteer. One of the most entertaining questions came from a young man who asked, "How come all of the bad stuff tastes so good and the good stuff tastes...kind of nasty?" The adults quietly chuckled, perhaps wondering the same thing themselves!



The Volusia County school children participating in Sport Nutrition Day included a contingency from Pierson Elementary. Their chaperone, Ms. Caryn Clarke, a school counselor and leader of the FBH Kid Zone program, said "Our students absolutely love this. The fifth graders who attended last year told our younger students what to expect and how much fun it is. They are doing things at this event they would NEVER be exposed to otherwise. It really does wonders for their self esteem."

Year End Awards Presentation & Celebration Dinner



Food Brings Hope celebrated the accomplishments of the 500 members of its after school program at Daytona International Speedway on May 1, 2014. "This is always our favorite event of the year," said Forough B. Hosseini, Founder and Chair of FBH. "It's a time where we gather to celebrate our amazing students who have dedicated extra time and focus on their studies with the objective of improving their performance. And at FBH, we believe this is an important step in achieving success in their lives."

The atmosphere in the room was festive and filled with energy as students from 10 area schools attended: Osceola, Pierson, Turie T. Small and Westside Elementary Schools; Campbell and New Smyrna Beach Middle Schools; and Mainland, New Smyrna Beach and Spruce Creek High Schools. They were treated to tours of the 2.5 mile speedway; dinner, catered by Sodexo, music and entertainment from DJ Tremble of 103.3 THE VIBE, awards presentations and words of wisdom from guest speakers.

Mrs. Maurie Johnson, an Ambassador for ERAU, served as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Johnson, a strong supporter and advocate for FBH shared her time at the podium by inviting ERAU's Dean of Students, Jason Glenn, and a group of students from ERAU to speak to the FBH students in attendance. "I wanted the focus to be less on me and more on the wonderful FBH students and our outstanding ERAU students," said Mrs. Johnson. "We brought five remarkable ERAU students to show how it paid off for them to stay strong in math and science while in grade school, middle school and high school."

While the event is held to congratulate all students for their participation in the after-school program, two from each school were recognized for outstanding achievement. Mrs. Hosseini and Mrs. Johnson presented the awards and posed for photos with these exceptional students.

Every year, the Speedway donates the beautiful Daytona 500 Club and takes all of the students on tours. Sodexo prepares and serves the food, with the help of students from Embry-Riddle. Local professionals and community members volunteer their time and their gifts to make the event even more fun and special. We know this was an experience the students will cherish for years to come."

2013-2014 PARTNERSHIPS/FUNDRAISERS

Billy Silas Carries Food Brings Hope Logo on his #99 NASCAR Truck in Daytona



Food Brings Hope received generous support from the T3R2 Race Team and driver Bryan Silas as the No. 99 ICI Homes / Bell Trucks America Chevrolet carried the FBH logo and website address in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series NextEra Energy Resources 250.

"Having young children of my own, it's a pleasure to support Food Brings Hope at Daytona," stated driver Bryan Silas, who finished the race 17th. "We've always been a team that cares and I'm looking forward to learning more ways that we can help Food Brings Hope throughout the years."

"NASCAR is a competitive sport," said Forough Hosseini. "Teams compete for track position, titles and sponsorship dollars. Yet, I continue to be amazed by how community-minded the drivers and their teams are. We are honored that Mr. Bryan Silas and his team chose to display our logo on their truck! It made everyone at Food Brings Hope feel extra special."

Daytona Area Groups Donate Holiday Gifts to FBH for Children in Need



Food Brings Hope (FBH) played Santa Claus during December, distributing truckloads of gifts and toys donated to students in need by Daytona area charities, individuals, companies and their employees. The gifts were delivered to children at Pierson, Starke, T.T. Small and Westside Elementary Schools; New Smyrna Beach and Campbell Middle Schools, New Smyrna Beach and Spruce Creek High Schools and Taylor Middle-High School.

The Margarita Society, 100 Deputies 100 Kids, ICI Homes, Embry-Riddle, Volusia County Building Industry Association, Kidds R First, Realty Pros Assured, Southern Title, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and several caring individuals including Charlene and Vic Irland, Nancy Munier, Doug Ross and Sherri Rummel donated holiday gifts to FBH to distribute to our students most in need.



The holiday season can be a time of excess for most of us. One of many families who had nothing under the tree for their kids said that, "They didn't know what they were going to do. We just prayed. We thank Food Brings Hope for everything they did to make Christmas merrier for families such as ours."

The community minded organizations and individuals mobilized their resources to the benefit of those who may have otherwise struggled this Christmas. The Margarita Society and 100 Deputies / 100 Kids provided truckloads of gifts, toys and bicycles for our elementary school students and their siblings. ICI Homes and Embry Riddle selected Campbell Middle School students as beneficiaries of the hundreds of gifts brought to work by employees. The Volusia County Building Association collected gifts at their annual holiday party. They were delivered to New Smyrna Beach Middle School along with clothing donated by Kidds R First, a local agency that provides assistance to children in the form of clothing, school supplies and other tangible items.



Bill and Tammy Navarra and agents of Realty Pros Assured collected gifts for the FBHons students at Westside Elementary and Campbell Middle Schools at their holiday party. Charlene and Vic Irland donated funds to FBH which was used for gift cards for the high school students at New Smyrna Beach and Spruce Creek high schools. Through donations received in 2013, FBH purchased and delivered bicycles to students at Taylor Middle High School in Pierson. Southern Title, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Nancy Munier, Sherri Rummel and Doug Ross donated gifts and holiday decor for specific households served by FBH.

At several schools, dedicated teachers and staff gathered to wrap the gifts and coordinated with parents so the gifts could be a Christmas morning surprise. "The parents/guardians were able to come in and get the toys to their car without being seen by the children," said Pricilla Sparks, parent liaison and director of the family center at Westside Elementary. "They had something to put under the tree for Christmas morning. What a surprise for the children." Mrs. Sparks continued, "The parents of a brother and sister we gave bikes to were jumping up and down with excitement. It was such a moving experience."

ERAU "EVERYTHING COUNTS!"



DAYTONA BEACH (June 19, 2014) – Food Brings Hope was a grateful recipient of \$81,892 check from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), the result of their annual campus-wide fundraising campaign for the public charity that fights hunger among students in Volusia County Schools. The donation, presented to Mrs. Hosseini by Dr. John P. Johnson, President and CEO of ERAU, surpassed Dr. Johnson's announced goal of \$50,000.

"When Dr. Johnson announced his goal to raise \$50,000 for Food Brings Hope, I had no doubt in my mind that they would meet this very ambitious and substantial goal," said Mrs. Hosseini. "ERAU has a history of exceeding their goals when it comes to contributing to our community and to FBH. But to exceed it by over \$30,000 is just simply beyond words."

Fundraising efforts were made possible through Embry-Riddle's faculty, staff, students and friends of ERAU who hosted events from February through May. The events ranged from pot-luck lunches, bake sales and barbecues, to 5K races, a motorcycle rally, high-stakes bingo, prom dress kickball and a Derby Days auction.

"I challenged our Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Nancee Bailey and Dean of Students Jason Glenn, to once again lead our Embry-Riddle family in helping the children in need in our community," said Dr. Johnson. "The fact that kids in our community go without food or shelter is unacceptable. We know Food Brings Hope is doing a great job, but they can't do this alone. We never back down from a challenge, especially not in our own backyard, and this year the people of Embry-Riddle really proved it."



One hundred percent of all funds raised for Food Brings Hope go directly toward the organization's programs to benefit underprivileged children. These initiatives include FBH's after-school programs, which currently serve more than 500 students in eleven Volusia County schools, STEM-focused honors programs entitled FBHonors for the highest achieving students and the weekly delivery of bags of groceries to nearly 200 families.

"I want to personally thank Dr. and Mrs. Johnson for their generous and kind hearts," said Mrs. Hosseini. "And, of course, we are grateful to the Office of Student Affairs, all of the team leaders, contributors and participants that made this amazing effort so successful. These funds will go a very long way toward allowing us to expand our programs to cover even more schools and help a larger number of children in need."



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PEARLS OF HOPE INAUGURAL GALA 2014

~ A Success By Every Measure ~

Food Brings Hope (FBH) hosted its first ever fundraising event on October 24, 2014. The “Pearls of Hope” Gala Presented by Holland Financial took place at the Jim W. Henderson Administration and Welcome Center at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The inaugural gala was a success by every measure. More than 200 guests attended this significant milestone event for Food Brings Hope.

"Pearls of Hope was the first time we ever hosted our own fundraising event," said FBH Founder and Chair, Forough B. Hosseini. "Our goal was two-fold. We obviously wanted to raise money toward our mission of eradicating hunger among children in Volusia County. But we also wanted to share our mission with the community-minded individuals in attendance, that they might become ambassadors of our cause and spread the word."

Newly recruited ambassadors for FBH include David and Toni Holland, as Holland Financial signed on to be the presenting sponsor. Other event sponsors included Daytona Kia-Mitsubishi, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Giles Electric and ICI Homes. These companies not only supported Pearls of Hope financially, but through donating their time, expertise, facilities and sweat equity into ensuring the success of this special event.

Through sponsorships, ticket sales and auctions, the gala raised nearly \$60,000, 100% of which will go directly to programs that serve students. In fact, FBH was able to extend its reach from 11 to 13 schools and from 500 students to over 600 students this school year as a result of the success of the gala, as well as, expanding the weekend food program.

"It was an honor and a privilege for Holland Financial to have been the first presenting sponsor of the Pearls of Hope Gala," said David Holland, CEO of Holland Financial. "It was a memorable and meaningful affair."

The Holland's have agreed to sponsor the second Pearls of Hope gala scheduled for October 23, 2015. "We are so touched that David and Toni Holland and Holland Financial have agreed to join our effort for the second year in a row," said Mrs. Hosseini. "They embody a story our community should be proud of - local students who grew up in our town, were educated in Volusia County, achieved success here and are raising their family locally. And it comes full circle as they continue to give back to the community in such generous ways. What could be more fitting! We are grateful they share our mission of nurturing the mind, body and spirit of underprivileged children in our community."

"As residents of Volusia County, we all have a vested interest in the wellbeing of the children in our neighborhood schools," said Holland. "I feel fortunate to be able to give back to a community that has provided my family and me with so much opportunity and so many memories. Forough Hosseini and Food Brings Hope are doing amazing work to help children who need it. We are so proud to be a part of this effort."

In addition to Holland Financial, Giles Electric and Daytona Kia/Mitsubishi not only contributed as sponsors, but Leigh Ann Giles, whose husband Brad owns Giles Electric and Denise Nisbett, whose husband owns Daytona Kia/Mitsubishi, served as co-chairs of the Pearls of Hope Gala. "It was special to be a part of this inaugural event, raising funds to continue this program, taking it from an idea to the final evening," stated Leigh Anne Giles, event co-chair. "The committee was amazing, ERAU was helpful and the generosity of our community and its leaders was inspiring."

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University & ICI Homes also signed on as event sponsors. In addition to its financial contribution, ERAU donated the use of its breathtaking Jim W. Henderson Welcome Center and provided numerous volunteers, including Dean Jason Glenn who served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. True to the generous spirit of its leadership and employees, ICI Homes provided facilities, staff and resources in addition to its donation.

The 2015 gala is planned for October 23, 2015 at the Jim W. Henderson Welcome Center at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

PEARLS OF HOPE INAUGURAL GALA 2014



2014-2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

ERAU Basketball Game

Approximately 426 students from FBH's KidsZone and TeenZone afterschool programs received the star treatment Friday, December 12, 2014 as they were treated to pizza, desserts, and music before watching ERAU men's basketball team defeat Alice Lloyd College 97 to 70 to the kids' thunderous cheers!

"What an exciting way to spend an evening," said Dan Lucas, Campbell Middle School teacher. "I got to start my weekend watching a great basketball game with some of the best children."

The night kicked off with an inspiring and motivational speech by ERAU men's head basketball coach and special assistant to the president, Steve Ridder about being a good teammate. Coach Ridder invited along Daniel Kiesling, team captain, and Hudson Cadet, senior forward, to add that it takes setting a good example, giving 100 percent, and cheering on your teammates as qualities of a good teammate.

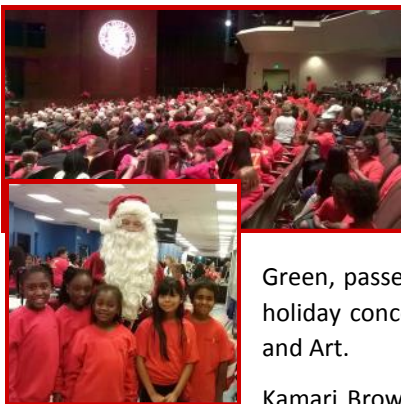
"I really enjoyed Food Brings Hope at our game on Friday," said Coach Ridder. "The kids were so excited about being there and fired up throughout the game. Prior to the game we were able to help send the message of the importance of being a special teammate in life and how grateful we need to continue to be to those who continue to reach out and help all of us. It is always a privilege to be part of this special program and enjoy working to help make a difference in young people's lives!" After a dinner of pizza and sweets were served to the children by the ERAU men and women's track team followed by the exciting game.

"Thank you Food Brings Hope for giving our students an opportunity to have this experience at an ERAU basketball game," said Turie T. Small Elementary principal Dr. Earl Johnson. "We are blessed to have Food Brings Hope as a partner providing opportunities for our students and giving them the college experience."

Out of the twelve Volusia County schools that FBH operates in, all were in attendance Friday night. "We are very thankful for this partnership with ERAU's Athletic Association," said Forough B. Hosseini, FBH founder and chair. "This annual event is one that our students look forward to attending. Each year, Coach Ridder and his athletes aid our mission of nurturing the body, mind and spirit of underprivileged children in our community."



DSC Holiday Dinner & Concert



FBH and Daytona State College partnered once again to treat almost 400 Volusia County students to a catered dinner and holiday concert on Friday, December 5, 2014. This was the fifth-year the charity and college have worked together to provide enrichment activities for FBH students. Eight of twelve FBH's schools participated.

The holiday celebration started with a dinner catered and sponsored by Sodexo in DSC's Student Center. The DSC baseball and volleyball teams served kid-friendly meals to the participants while Santa and his helper, played by DSC student Matthew Whetstein and Scott Green, passed out candy cane treats. After, students were bused to the News Journal Center to enjoy the holiday concert conducted by Dr. Doug Peterson, Chair of the Mike Curb College of Music, Entertainment and Art.

Kamari Brown, a third grader at Turie T. Small Elementary, said her favorite part of the evening was the food because "we got to go back for seconds." Brandon James, fifth grader at Westside Elementary, shared his excitement about the recital saying that he was a "band student and seeing a live performance is really important to me."

Also in attendance was principal of Southwestern Middle School Mamie Oatis, whose school is in its first year participating in FBH. "I think this is a real educational and cultural experience for our students," she said. "Southwestern is grateful to take part in the Food Brings Hope program."

"Enrichment activities, like DSC's annual holiday concert, are planned to enhance the lives of our students. We believe exposing them to cultural experiences and visiting colleges and universities will deepen their passion for learning," said Forough B. Hosseini, founder and chair of FBH. "By bringing the students onto a college campus, it teaches them that there is no need to feel intimidated by the idea of attending college and furthering your education. It shows them that the environment is safe, supportive, and inspiring."

Sports Nutrition Day

Over 125 KidsZone and FBHonsors students from Westside Elementary participated in Food Brings Hope's annual Sports Nutrition Day on April 2nd.

Activities for the day included Zumba lessons from Quanita May of Quanita's Latin Dance and Ballroom with the assistance of Linda Caracushansky of ICI Homes, sports and agility drills led by student-athletes from Embry-Riddle, and a hot and nutritious meal from Plantation Bay's Club de Bonmont was served by Alena and Dalibor Vasicek, Pablo Gomez and Joyce Cyphers.

Dinner included a hot meal and a large assortment of fresh fruits and cheeses, giving the children a healthy and well balanced meal.

"Sports Nutrition Day is one of our student's favorite annual activities," expressed Forough B. Hosseini, founder and chair of Food Brings Hope. "Our purpose is to teach our students that by making healthy choices and living a healthy lifestyle they can lead a long, fulfilling life."

Athletes from ERAU's men and women's soccer and tennis teams, women's basketball, men's track & field, and cheerleading squad all came to Westside to lead agility drills that encouraged the younger pupils that living an active life is fun and rewarding.

"It was an honor and a pleasure for representatives of our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to participate in Food Brings Hope Sports Nutrition Day at Westside Elementary School. Our University and Athletics program fully supports the mission of Food Brings Hope," stated John Mark Adkison, ERAU Associate Director of Athletics. "Community service is an important component of being a student-athlete at Embry-Riddle. Serving as a staff member in the Athletics department, it is gratifying to see our student-athlete give back and serve the greater good in our community, and specifically partner with the efforts of Food Brings Hope."



Persia Literacy Night



Students and families of Westside Elementary experienced a "trip" to Iran (also known as Persia) for Westside's Family Literacy Night, co-hosted by Food Brings Hope, Westside Elementary, the Iranian American Society, the Volusia County Literacy Council, and the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach.

On March 5th, family and friends of Westside came to experience Persian culture and to learn more about the country. The night kicked off with Westside principal, Judi Winch welcoming guests to the country of Iran with the help of Volusia County School Board Member Linda Costello and Rotary Club of Daytona Beach president, Lynn Sinnott.

The night's entertainment was provided by Mr. Bahram Foroughi, member of the Iranian American Society and associate professor of mathematics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. "It was with extreme pleasure to participate in Persia Literacy Night at Westside Elementary School," said Foroughi. "As an Iranian-American and an educator, I was so impressed to see that the school and Food Brings Hope work so closely together to bring such a well-organized and successful educational event to our Volusia County students."



The Persia Literacy Night included guests rotating between four stations, named after the major cities of Iran, which included activities and lessons surrounding Iranian culture and literacy. Visitors learned about the Persian New Year, Nowruz, and what customs and traditions go along with the national holiday such as the Nowruz table and egg decorating. Participants were also able to have their name written in Farsi, the official language of Iran.

"To combine a new cultural experience with literacy activities is pure genius," said Forough Hosseini, founder and chair of Food Brings Hope. "We are so honored to be able to be a part of the team who worked so tirelessly to provide such a great cultural and educational experience for our families."

2014-2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

Dr. Firouz Naderi, Director, Solar System Exploration NASA's JPL



**“How big is the universe?
And what is in it?
Where did we come from and,
who (or what) else might be out there?”**

Dr. Naderi explains the cosmic events that have led to emergence of civilization on planet Earth and other potential habitats for life within our solar system and beyond.

Student participants of Food Brings Hope's KidsZone and TeenZone after school programs were treated to a special presentation by NASA engineer Dr. Firouz Naderi at Mainland High on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Dr. Naderi's presentation, titled "How big is the universe? And what is in it?" explained the universe, stars, and other potential habitats for life within our solar system and beyond. He accompanied his slideshow with a short film on how to get to Mars, comparing the distance to Earth from Mars and the Sun.

Currently, Dr. Firouz Naderi serves as Director of the Solar Systems Exploration Directorate at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). In the past, Dr. Naderi was the head of the Mars Exploration Program, where his leadership led to the successful launch of the Mars Odyssey and landing of the Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity.

Out of the 14 Volusia County schools that participate in the KidsZone/TeenZone afterschool programs, seven were in attendance to hear Dr. Naderi speak. Schools in attendance included: Pierson, Starke, and Westside elementary schools; Campbell, Holly Hill, and New Smyrna Beach middle schools; and Mainland TeenZone students.

This event was exclusive to KidsZone and TeenZone students and invited community guests, such as Ray Salazar, President of United Way in Volusia-Flagler Counties. Salazar described Naderi as "interesting, entertaining, and motivational as well," asking students to "reach for the stars."

"I had a spectacular time," stated Salazar. "What impressed me the most was Dr. Naderi's capacity to explain complex physics in a way that students at all levels could understand."

The presentation concluded with a question and answer segment where students were given the opportunity to ask the scientist questions. When asked by Johnny Fluitt, 8th grade FBHonor student at Campbell Middle, "Why should we care what is out there in space?", Dr. Naderi replied, "Because curiosity is what propels a civilization."

"Activities as powerful as these will cause our students to embrace their greatness and ignite their imagination of what is possible," expressed David Thomas, TeenZone sponsor and Campbell Middle teacher.

"We work to provide more academic and personal enrichment activities for our young scholars," explains Forough B. Hosseini, founder and chair of Food Brings hope. "Enrichment opportunities such as this educational seminar allow students to envision a brighter future for themselves."

FBH Year End Award Celebration



**Governor Rick Scott shares a message
to Food Brings Hope students
Study hard and live your dreams!**



Participants of Food Brings Hope afterschool program – KidsZone for elementary schools and TeenZone for the middle and high schools – attended the annual End of the Year Celebration at the Daytona International Speedway on May 13, 2015.

The day started with the students congregating at Mainland High School for a wonderful celebration with Governor Rick Scott who presented awards to the Citizens of the Year. After a warm and gracious welcome by Dr. Cheryl Salerno, Governor Scott and the participants heard about some of the accomplishments of KidsZone and TeenZone students noted by Judi Winch, Principal at Westside Elementary and the incoming Executive Director of FBH. The governor spoke about his hardship growing up and how through hard work and staying in school, was able to overcome the challenges and after being a successful CEO, was elected the governor of the great State of Florida.

Students continued the celebration by going on a trolley tour at International Speedway, eating lunch at the Daytona 500 Club, participated in a dance competition and left with a goodie bag full of summer fun items.

Food Brings Hope is especially grateful to the International Speedway, Sodexo, all of our volunteers, especially Daria Babazadeh, Lenore Thompson, and Lyndsay Thompson, as well as, Mark Robertson who each year takes group photos of all of our students memorializing the continuous growth of the program.

“Our annual End of the Year Celebration is a time to congratulate and celebrate our students,” explained Forough B. Hosseini, FBH founder and chair. “We want to thank the Daytona International Speedway, Sodexo, our volunteers and donors, and Volusia County Schools Transportation team, Superintendent Mr. Tom Russell and all of FBH principals and sponsors for the years of support and always thinking of our students. We will continue to work very hard aiming to reach every school in Volusia County.”



2014-2015 PARTNERSHIPS/FUNDRAISERS

ERAU-Worldwide Presents Food Brings Hope with \$8,000 Donation

~FBH receives funds from three-months long fundraising campaign~

Food Brings Hope (FBH) is the honored recipient of a \$8,000 donation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide (ERAU-WW). The funds were raised over a span of three months during ERAU-WW's fundraising campaign to help raise awareness for FBH's programs and initiatives.

Spearheading the campaign was ERAU-WW verification and loan specialist, Annamarie Garcia. "What an amazing honor to be able to give this check to such a wonderful group," expressed Garcia. "My hope is to be able to double that amount next year and help even more children."



Proceeds from the three month-long campaign will directly impact over 600 Volusia County students who benefit from FBH's afterschool programs and initiatives through nutritious meals, tutoring, and enriching activities.

"We are deeply grateful to Embry-Riddle Worldwide," said Forough B. Hosseini, FBH founder and chair. "The campaign required a lot of time, dedication and hard work and ERAU-WW's employees, deeply committed to the cause of helping homeless and economically disadvantaged students in Volusia County, ran it with amazing dedication, making sure it was a highly successful campaign. We are also indebted to Annamarie for leading this campaign. She ran a successful campaign with



Prom Dress Kickball Game & Rally was one of the many events held to raise funds for Food Brings Hope.

Neighborhood Lemonade Stand Benefits Food Brings Hope

Food Brings Hope received profits from a lemonade stand owned and operated by Adrianna Mortola, Cami Kent, Evelyn Kent, and Kathryn Dana, all of Ormond Beach. While on Spring Break, the group of young ladies decided to spend their time off from school giving back to the community.

Dr. Chris Kent, a surgeon with Florida Hospital, met Food Brings Hope Founder and Chair, Forough Hosseini, at a fundraising event and later shared with his daughter, Cami, and wife, Connie, about Food Brings Hope (FBH) and its efforts to eradicate hunger and homelessness in the community. The girls did more research into FBH's mission and vision and decided they wanted to raise funds to benefit the organization.



Karen Jans, local resident and a long time supporter of FBH, was on her way home when she saw signs advertising a lemonade stand down the road. "I am so impressed by the hard work and dedication of these girls during their Spring Break," expressed Jans. The young ladies stayed until 6 p.m. raising funds and donations in the name of Food Brings Hope. "We were so happy to raise money for Food Brings Hope," says Connie Kent. "It sounds like a wonderful charity that we would like to continue to be a part of."

"I am very impressed with the generosity and thoughtfulness of these young ladies," said Forough Hosseini. "Acts of kindness like this have the power to change our community and inevitably our world. Mrs. Kent is an amazing role model for her girls and their friends; enabling them to learn how to give back while learning about running a small business and how to handle money. I am delighted FBH is the recipient of their hard work! Kudos to these young ladies!"

Jersey Mike's Subs Presents Food Brings Hope with Proceeds from 'Month of Giving' Campaign

~FBH receives \$9,255.31 donation from month long fundraising campaign~

On Thursday, June 11, Jersey Mike's Subs presented Food Brings Hope Founder and Chair Forough B. Hosseini with the earnings from their 'Month of Giving' fundraising campaign. A total of \$9,255.31 was raised in hopes of eradicating childhood hunger and poverty in Volusia County. "Jersey Mike's is so thrilled to have worked with FBH! We have really found our long term partner," expressed Amanda Freese, marketing and catering director for Jersey Mike's Subs Volusia. "We are so thrilled with the outcome. Everyone pitched in to make it a success. I hope that next year we can break \$10,000 and continue to grow."



FBH joined forces with Jersey Mike's Sub restaurants throughout the Daytona Beach area for the 5th Annual March "Month of Giving" fundraising campaign. During the month of March, customers made donations to Food Brings Hope at participating Jersey Mike's located in Daytona Beach, Port Orange, and Ormond Beach.

The campaign concluded in Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving" on Wednesday, March 25, when all participating Daytona Beach area Jersey Mike's restaurants donated 100 percent of the day's sales – every single dollar that came in – to FBH.

"We are indebted to Jersey Mike's CEO Bryan Price and Marketing Director, Amanda Freese for choosing Food Brings Hope as the beneficiary for this year's Month of Giving. Jersey Mike's is built on a culture of giving and supporting various worthy causes. We would also like to thank our generous community and devoted supporters for the success of this campaign," said Forough Hosseini. "This very generous donation will allow us to add a new school to our roster and more families to our Weekend Feed-A-Family program. We work hard every day toward the goal of eradicating hunger among school aged children in our county and having partners such as Jersey Mike's joining us in this fight, enables us to achieve our mission faster. Many thanks to Jersey Mike's for their valued partnership. We are elated that they have selected FBH for their next year's Month of Giving again."

Volusia Building Industry Association Adopts Food Brings Hope as Charity of Choice

Food Brings Hope was honored to be selected by the Volusia Building Industry Association (VBIA) as their official charity of choice and received a donation of \$2,500 at the association's Christmas party on Friday, December 12.

"The VBIA is very proud to adopt Food Brings Hope as its official charity of choice," said Sandy Bishop-Burke, Executive Director of VBIA. "We look forward to doing more toward their cause." In addition to a monetary donation, the VBIA has also contributed to FBH's holiday toy drive for its participating schools. VBIA generously provided and hand delivered over 20 bikes and other toys to TeenZone participants at Holly Hill Middle School.

"We thank the VBIA for its continued support," said Forough B. Hosseini, Founder and Chair of FBH. "Partnerships such as this are what bring us closer to our goal of breaking the hunger and poverty cycle among our students."

Food Brings Hope Selected to Receive Women's Initiative Grant

Food Brings Hope, Inc. was presented with a \$3,500 check from United Way's Women's Initiative Volusia. The check presentation was held Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the HOPE House. "It's wonderful for Women's Initiative to recognize the strength of this program and to reward the future," said Ray Salazar, President of United Way Volusia-Flagler Counties. In attendance to present Food Brings Hope with the check were President of United Way Volusia-Flagler Ray Salazar and Women's Initiative Co-Chairs Jessica Fox-Sznajstajler and Sabria Tabaku.

"The HOPE Project is an initiative of FBH that provides unaccompanied and homeless youth with a safe and stable living environment to ensure success in their personal and professional lives," said Forough B. Hosseini, Founder and Chair of Food Brings Hope. "With this generous donation, we will be able to offer more services and programs to our HOPE House residents."

2013-2014 FARSHAD BABAZADEH HONORS PROGRAM

The Farshad Babazadeh Honors (FBHonors) program was developed to meet the needs of high achieving students at Westside Elementary. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program's focus is to increase academic and personal enrichment opportunities for targeted high achieving students from low socioeconomic backgrounds. Through rigorous, rich, and varied academic and non-academic programming, we seek to engage students in creative and analytical thinking giving them the necessary skills and drive to continue their studies at an accredited college or university in the STEM fields. This year the program expanded at Westside to include 12 elementary aged students and 8 middle school students in grades six and seven. FBHonors students meet afterschool, for additional 3-hours every school day.



One hundred percent of FBHonors students scored on or above grade level on the reading, science, and math FCAT. FBHonors students were encouraged to set and achieve high academic and social goals. Students were engaged in **engineering** studies and experiments throughout the year extending beyond the normal curriculum. These challenging engineering activities fostered a sense of perseverance in the students.



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and their STEM Outreach Club partners with the FBHonors program to provide engineering experiences and to explore STEM fields offered at ERAU. Both the elementary and middle school students were given the opportunity to design and build **computer** programming while



working with breadboard kits. They were instructed in this project by ERAU students once a week for six weeks.





This year students in the program were provided with either an iPad Mini or a laptop to continue their education at home. Students used the iPads and laptops to research, create presentations, and to gain more varied experiences with technology. iPads provided students the opportunity to connect with students from other schools during literature circles. This collaboration increased engagement in literacy and digital communication skills.



Our warmest thanks to Mrs. Hosseini for making these experiences with technology possible.

Westside Elementary School sent five students to the Volusia County Science Expo this year. We are proud to report that all five were FBHons students. Students represented Westside and FBHons well as they presented projects that explored topics from engineering parachutes to exploring polymers to chemical engineering. A 3rd year FBHons student placed second overall in the Campbell Middle School Science Fair.

Students continually demonstrate their ability to work in teams as this is a focus and critical need in today's job market. The majority of projects are completed in teams and students learn to utilize one another's strengths. Students worked to design boats and measured buoyancy of different materials, explored flight and physics, and created a hydroponic garden. They were able to plan and redesign until they were successful. Learning that success does not always come at a first attempt was a critical lesson for these students to learn.



FBHons students are provided with opportunities to expand and grow beyond what is possible in the normal school day. FBHons students benefit from this program which will continue to open doors for them in the future as they work toward earning scholarships for college. We look forward to continuing to build this valuable program for many years to come.



2014-2015 FARSHAD BABAZADEH HONORS PROGRAM



The Farshad Babazadeh Honors program, concentrating in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), grew this year to 33 students in the program, 11 fourth graders, 12 fifth graders, and 10 middle school students in grades six through eight. FBHons program will start a program in high school next year to accommodate our students who are finishing middle school and starting high school next year. A very exciting milestone for FBH!

We are extremely proud of the continued growth of the program. FBHons students were encouraged to set and achieve high academic and social goals. Students were engaged in the engineering process throughout the year extending beyond the normal curriculum. From building bridges to towers and experimenting with polymers, these students broadened their horizons and learned more about the STEM fields.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and their STEM Outreach Club partnered again with the FBHons program to provide engineering experiences and to explore STEM fields offered at ERAU. This year ERAU students visited FBHons students to lead them in an engineering activity that required ingenuity, teamwork, and perseverance.

Every student in the program, as is the tradition, was provided with an iPad Mini to further enhance their education in the classroom and at home. Each child also received a case with keyboard included to provide them with much needed keyboarding skills. Students use the iPads to research, create presentations, and to gain more varied experiences with technology.



2014-2015 FARSHAD BABAZADEH HONORS PROGRAM

Westside Elementary School sent six students to the Volusia County Science Expo this year, one more than the last school year. We are proud to report that all six were FBHons students. Students represented Westside and FBHons well as they presented projects that explored topics from hydroponic gardening to insulators. We were told by an interviewer that one of our students had “the best real life application seen in seven years and that her interview was tops.”

Students continually demonstrate their ability to work in teams as this is a focus and critical need in today’s job market. Students worked to build robots, launch rockets, explore flight and physics, and to expand their knowledge of the scientific process. They were able to plan and redesign until they were successful. Learning that success does not always come at a first attempt was a critical lesson for these students to learn.

FBHons students are provided with opportunities to expand and grow beyond what is possible in the normal school day. FBHons students work very hard every day, extending their school day by 3-hours every day, to achieve more and ensure their own future success and FBH will provide all the necessary support they need to ensure their wishes and dreams come true, including attending prestigious colleges and universities. We can’t wait to have our first graduate, in short 4-years, start college!



FBHons participating in Iranian American Society's Nowruz Festival



FBHons Year End Banquet at Club de Bonmont



Declan Flynn

Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients with Governor Scott



Grace Braswell



DeJuan Mitchell



Evelin Ordonez

CHAMPION ELEMENTARY 2014-2015

Champion Elementary School's partnership and adoption by Food Brings Hope this year has been such a wonderful academic opportunity for our students. For several years, we've worked hard to provide our students after-school tutoring but many of our students have not been able to attend because they have no transportation home from our after-school tutoring. Since our partnership with Food Brings Hope, we have been able to serve over 100 students, in each of our two tutoring sessions, because we had a bus to take them home! It was wonderful! Our children and families were so appreciative of the opportunity to have transportation home.

This has been the best tutoring experience we have offered in a long time.

This is our first year with Food Brings Hope and we are so grateful for the partnership. We are also excited about all the wonderful other community and educational opportunities that we will be able to experience through our partnership with Food Brings Hope.

Did You Know...

Last year we gave out over

6,000

bags of groceries to nearly

233

of our neediest families...that's

325,000

**pounds of food distributed
as part of our**

Weekend Feed-A-Family Program



This year we started the KidsZone program at Holly Hill School with 31 students. We reviewed our homeless data report and asked teachers to refer students in grades 3-5. The targeted students were selected based on the need of social skills, mentoring, and academic support.



We enjoyed being able to expose the students to activities and foods that they had never experienced. For example, one of our goals was to provide the students with at least one unfamiliar fruit with each meal. Many of our students ate Kiwi and other fruits, vegetables, and desserts for the first time and loved it!

In one of our special field trips, KidsZone students visited the Paragon Ocean Walk Theater. We wanted to provide the students with Volusia County's 'Premier Movie Experience'. Many of our students do not have the

opportunity to experience this on a regular basis. They especially enjoyed the unique dining and stadium seating.

We recruited a retired teacher to teach a series of etiquette classes to our students. The teacher used a curriculum to provide the students lessons on table manners, dining etiquette and protocol. Students learned how to eat difficult foods, respond socially to basic requests, and the art of conversation during dinner.

Students learned and actively participated in Yoga poses and were encouraged to share the new wealth of knowledge and continue the practice with an open mind. Our students were presented a mini lesson of the history to help provide the students a foundation and better understanding of Yoga. The students learned that Yoga can be used for physical and health benefits that can combat stress in academics and social situations.

We also used the FBH program as an opportunity to provide homework help, mentoring, and tutoring. Students were required to bring their interim and report cards for data chats with the sponsors. Together, we celebrated their successes. In addition, we helped and encouraged the students to reflect on their weaknesses.

Lastly, Wells Fargo banking program was a great learning experience for our students. We strongly believe the students were able to relate their parent's real world experiences with money; which helped explain the learning target and purpose of the program. The materials used were kid friendly and engaging.

Many of the parents stated that their child enjoyed the program and looked forward to the activities each Wednesday. Students enjoyed the new learning experiences and building relationships with new friends. The teachers provided feedback stating the students were more engaged in class and were excited to participate in the program.



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Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

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VOLUSIA STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT HOME BUILDING



ICI Homes hosts FBH Students

Middle school students from DeLand tour homes at Plantation Bay

A group of middle school students wearing yellow construction hats took stock of a model townhome and shot their hands up with questions. For many of the students from Southwestern Middle School in DeLand, it was their first visit to a model home during a field trip to ICI Homes' Plantation Bay community in Ormond Beach.

A team of homebuilders from Daytona Beach-based ICI Homes patiently answered questions about the cost of building homes and career opportunities for home construction. "Every construction project is about team work," ICI Homes Construction Manager Tim MacFarlane told the students. "Everything you do in home construction touches someone else's life."

Mamie Oatis, the school's principal, said she reached out to Food Brings Hope founder Forough Hosseini to explore opportunities for exposing her students to potential career paths and ICI Homes was a great start because of the relationship with the nonprofit.

Mrs. Hosseini is the executive vice president of information systems at ICI Homes, which she co-founded with her husband Mori Hosseini, the company's chairman and CEO. "This is an eye opener for them," Oatis said. "If your parents aren't homeowners then you might not think you can own a home either and that's the case with a lot of these students."

ICI Homes has built thousands of homes and created some of the largest master development communities in Florida. ICI Homes today is the largest locally based homebuilder in the Volusia-Flagler area.

"If we can show students what goes into building homes that helps us plant seeds and if we can do that, we've done our job," ICI Homes Operations Manager Lenny Sanclemente said.

During the field trip, students were able to see all of the stages of home construction, from the foundation to the finished product. They also received career advice and had the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt that took place inside the model homes.

This was the first time a Food Brings Hope program has taken students on a field trip to an ICI Homes community.



Seventh-grader Raven Ball said the trip to Plantation Bay was one of her favorite field trips this year. "We've learned a lot about how teamwork is important for building things," Raven said.



Southwestern Middle School (SMS) located in DeLand, is proud to have been a **FIRST** Year Food Brings Hope Teen Zone sponsored program. Believing that all students WILL learn and be a successful part of society (School's Mission Statement), the FBH Program supported our goal of providing students engaging educational/cultural experiences and new opportunities for learning through a variety of experiences.

SMS Teen Zone group consisted of 40 selected students from grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Sixth graders were selected based on their previous participation in the Kid-sZone Program at Starke Elementary. A personalized letter welcoming students to an informational meeting was delivered by Principal Mamie Oatis and sponsors Sharon Brown and Tai Presley. During weekly meetings, which included dinner during designated homework and tutoring time, students worked in groups by grade levels to complete their homework, complete various school projects, organize binders and to work on study and social skills. To encourage students to read more, sponsors challenged them to read twenty minutes at home every night. Students were required to complete reading logs and document FHB reflections in their personal journals.



Grades improved from the start of the year to the end of the school year. Our school data indicates our sixth grade Teen Zone students maintained the highest overall GPA and attendance. Principal Mamie Oatis shared, "FBH provided our students a sense of success, hope... even if that child isn't necessarily successful in the classroom. Having the opportunity to tour ICI Plantation Bay construction and home sites inspired students; many who live in an overcrowded apartment or had never traveled to the Ormond area. The tour was a great opportunity for students to actually see what they're learning in school, how it gets applied in the real world. Students also participated in the Money Smart Banking presented by Food Brings Hope and United Way's Campaign for Working Families. The Money Smart Banking Program educated students on how to budget, the importance of saving, how to use bank services to protect money, and how to be a smart shopper. The interactive banking program teaches "wants vs. needs."

Another highlighted FBH Sponsored activity was an unforgettable opportunity to ride the Sun Rail to Winter Park. Students and sponsors enjoyed a fun-filled day touring museums, visiting area shops on Park Avenue after a relaxing lunch in the local park. It was the perfect trip after a month long of state testing.

SMS Teen Zone also attended the following Food Brings Hope sponsored events:

- The Daytona State College Winter Concert at the News-Journal Center
- Embry Riddle Basketball Game
- End of the Year Award Ceremony at Mainland High School Nutritional snacks and after school meals were provided exposing students to healthier choices.



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Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients



Leslie Vargas

OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY 2013-2014

At Osceola Elementary, KidsZone participants focus on academic enrichment and tutoring in the areas of reading, mathematics and science for students in kindergarten, first, second and fifth grade. The kindergartners through second graders met on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the 2013-2014 school year.

Sponsor Meredith Gilbert sought to maximize the number of students served by dividing the program into two sessions. The first session which was 6-weeks long, ran from February 11 thru March 18 with 29 students from kindergarten through second graders participating. The second session, running from April 15 thru May 22, enrolled 22 students from kindergarten through second grade. This enabled 50 students to receive the benefits of additional academic support, where a strong emphasis was placed on reading and math. Each Thursday students were treated to a hot meal before they went home.

In addition to the weekly tutoring, fifth graders had the opportunity to attend Saturday Science Camp in April. The 20 students who participated received science and reading enrichment through hands on experiments and science investigations.



Citizenship Awards
presented to
James Banks and
Samantha Jennings





KidsZone is possible at Osceola Elementary by the generous sponsorship of Food Brings Hope. Countering the influences of poverty, this organization provides tutorial resources, nutritional snacks, hot meals, and special events for our low-performing students in third, fourth, and fifth grades. In both student confidence and achievement, FBH is making a difference!

Our KidsZone program is home to 43 students throughout the school year. Able to focus on their reading and math skills two days each week, students receive a nutritional snack on both days with a hot meal on Thursdays. Fifth grader, Jazmin H., exclaimed, "We appreciate and love PIZZA THURSDAYS!" Osceola was blessed when Food Brings Hope donated an extraordinary amount of gifts for our KidsZone students. We were able to make the holidays memorable for our students by sending them home with a wrapped gift. Allen Y., a third grader, shared, "I was so grateful to know that there was something that was just for me under the tree."

Impressed and moved by the teamwork and speeches presented by the coaches and players during the pregame, our students participated in an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Basketball game. We were honored to meet and greet Governor Rick Scott at the Food Brings Hope End-of-Year Celebration. Osceola students were motivated by his words of encouragement to continue their success in their education. Ethan C. was honored by Mrs. Hosseini and Governor Scott for his excellent citizenship award during KidsZone this school year. Ethan shared, "KidsZone has helped me go from a D to a B!"

Food Brings Hope is an organization that puts children first. They make it possible for students to feel welcomed and, most importantly, successful in their educational goals. We are deeply grateful for Food Brings Hope and look forward to many years of partnership to provide learning opportunities, care, and hope for our students. Thank you, Food Brings Hope!



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Ethan Cabral



Kylee Welborn

PIERSON ELEMENTARY 2013-2014

KidsZone students at Pierson Elementary participated in a wide range of exciting and educational activities during the 2013- 2014 school year.

Fifteen students regularly attended Kidszone activities at Pierson Elementary. The benefit of students receiving additional tutoring time were apparent in the FCAT Math scores of our KidsZone students. Of the fifteen KidsZone students, twelve students made gains on 2013 FCAT Math with five students increasing an FCAT level. In Reading, thirteen students made point gains, with two students increasing an FCAT reading level.

Fifty students participated in Pierson's after school reading and math tutoring for lowest performing students in grades 3rd thru 5th. Students were provided a nutritious snack before each tutoring session, and bus transportation was provided to encourage student attendance. Twenty-three students regularly utilized the special "tutoring bus" each Monday and Thursday afternoon. Fifty of the neediest families received the Weekend Grocery Bags provided by Food Brings Hope and Halifax Urban Ministries.

Food Brings Hope sponsored several exciting events for KidsZone students this year. Students attended a holiday party at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and listened to an inspirational message about always doing the right thing from Athletic Director, Steve Ridder. Pierson KidsZone students also attended a Health Expo at Westside Elementary, a Holiday Concert at the News-Journal Center, ERAU basketball game, and an end of the year celebration at the Daytona Speedway.

Food Brings Hope and KidsZone have impacted Pierson Elementary students in a positive way. They have greatly benefited from the opportunities presented and continue to grow academically toward a successful future.



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Lily-Mae White and
George Perez

Pierson Elementary is a Food Brings Hope sponsored program for our fourth and fifth grade students to provide after school enrichment. The students met two times a month where they learned about leadership qualities and skills, team work, and making responsible choices.

Our students were involved in many of the Food Brings Hope sponsored group events such as: an Embry-Riddle basketball game, a musical concert at the Daytona Beach News-Journal Center, Dr. Firouz Naderi, a speaker on space exploration, and the end of year event at the Speedway and Mainland High School in Daytona Beach where two of our students were honored by Governor, Rick Scott, for exhibiting citizenship qualities.

Food Brings Hope also made it possible to arrange for the editor of the News-Journal Editor, Pat Rice, to speak to our KidsZone students about his career. The students were able to practice their questioning techniques, speaking skills, and learn what is involved in being an editor of a newspaper.

Another component to the KidsZone program at Pierson was the opportunity to work with Wells Fargo Bank and United Way with the Hands-On Banking Program. The students participated in a four week lesson on financial literacy. They were able to understand the banking process and make responsible financial choices for their future. They learned invaluable lessons on life skills necessary for success.



Thank you to Food Brings Hope for providing our students with memorable experiences and the opportunity to broaden their cultural awareness.



Brea Thomas

Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

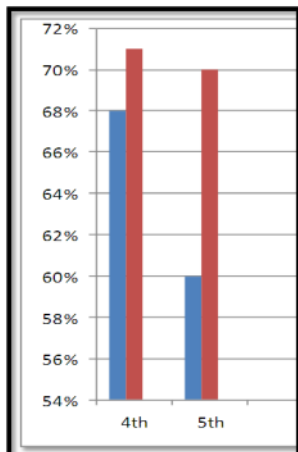


Luis Velazquez



STARKE ELEMENTARY 2013-2014

The S.T.A.R.S. (Students Turning Around Reaching for Success) program at Edith I. Starke Elementary School, is an after school mentoring program for students in fourth and fifth grade. The focus of this weekly mentoring program is to aid students in positive relationship building, appropriate behavior on and off campus, along with academic and behavioral goal setting.



Implementation of goal setting with S.T.A.R.S. has proven to be successful this year. The fourth grade students have shown a 2% increase on their overall district reading assessments, while the fifth grade students have increased 10%. The students review with goals, graph their reading progress, and conference with Mrs. LaMondie to discuss successes and barriers they have encountered.

S.T.A.R.S. has been sponsored by Food Brings Hope for two years. This relationship has helped foster the expansion of student involvement while incorporating many diverse opportunities throughout Volusia County. Such events include: a basketball game at Embry Riddle, Stetson University, and the Holiday Performance at the News-Journal Center. For many of the students, this was their first opportunity to ride on a bus or travel outside DeLand.

Food Brings Hope has been a crucial component to Starke's S.T.A.R.S. Camp. The focus of camp was to provide remediation to the third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the areas of math and science through the incorporation of engaging, hands-on activities and experiments. With approximately 60 students in attendance at each 3-hour Saturday session, Food Brings Hope was a prime factor in the equation. They provided the students with not only a healthy breakfast and lunch, but the little extra



S.T.A.R.S. focused on the development and implementation of several service projects throughout the school year. Books and campus beautification were the main focus this year.

In collaboration with Stetson University, over 500 children's books were collected and distributed to all the classrooms. These books enhanced the classroom libraries and got new books into the hands of students.

With so much of time spent at school, the students wanted to brighten up the campus. Flower beds were brightly painted, and they used their green thumbs to plant a colorful variety of plants around campus.

The Starke family has cherished the relationship with Food Brings Hope. Their support has assisted in the development of a strong foundation for our students. Thank you for helping our students SHINE!



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Leslie Vargas and
Karla Olvera



Edith I. Starke Elementary School KidsZone is a Food Brings Hope sponsored program that provides the after school environment for kids in need of mentoring, while providing academic tutoring, life lessons, goal setting, and nutritional assistance. KidsZone, at Starke Elementary, has 25 participants each week, meeting on Wednesdays, after school.

This year, we designed the program to pair fourth-grade students, who could use positive role models, with fifth-grade students, who have proven to be good citizens and potentially good role models. All of the students in KidsZone, at Starke Elementary, are on free lunch, while most of them help raise younger siblings. KidsZone focuses on building life skills, to help students grow from where they are currently, to their idea of success in life, while tempering negative behaviors through patience, care and understanding. Initially, 90% of the students in KidsZone had never thought about going to college. Of the 90%, only 2 of the students could identify a specific college by name. Today, all of the KidsZone students have a dream, for their futures, and they all have an idea of what it takes to get there. Each student in the 2014-15 KidsZone program, at Edith I. Starke Elementary School, know where they would like to go to college, which city and state it is in, academic and athletic information on their chosen institution, and what it takes to get to that point in their lives.

Food Brings Hope sponsored several group events throughout the year! Our students attended the Daytona State College's Winter Musical Program at the Daytona Beach News-Journal Center; an Embry- Riddle Basketball game; and the end of the year awards banquet at the Daytona International Speedway, where KidsZone students were able to hear Governor Rick Scott speak to them about life skills and work ethic. A boy and a girl from each school also had the honor of receiving an award from the Governor.



Next year, at Edith I. Starke Elementary School, KidsZone will continue to build life skills, while turning the previous year's fourth-grade students into the next year's fifth-grade role models. Additionally, KidsZone will meet 2-3 times per week and will give back to the community of Spring Hill, through various community service projects. Edith I. Starke Elementary School, as well as the parents in the community, are enormously grateful for all of the wonderful assistance that Food Brings Hope has graciously provided each year. We believe in Food Brings Hope and have seen the positive effects the organization has, not only in our school, but in our community. Partners like Food Brings Hope are the reason that many kids in communities like ours have the ability to find a way to their dreams, breaking generational poverty and empowering children to be the best people they can be! Thank you Food Brings Hope!



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Ayja Cusack



Ja'Son Hayward

TURIE T. SMALL ELEMENTARY

Turie T. Small Elementary School's KidsZone is a Food Brings Hope sponsored program that provides the after school environment for kids in need of special academic and nutritional assistance. One component of this program focuses on providing additional tutoring for students in 4th and 5th grades who need additional support.

KidsZone Extended Day Program has 45 participating each week. Thursdays were organized for 4th grade writing and for fifth grade science support. Students were tutored for an hour and a half. Additionally, 5th grade students were provided the opportunity to visit the Museum of Arts and Sciences on Wednesdays for two-hour sessions. Activities involved hands-on experiments, building background knowledge through active learning.

KidsZone focused on providing comprehensive tutorial opportunities to increase the academic achievement of the lowest performing students in the areas of science and writing. In order to provide equity and access for all students who need tutoring, Food Brings Hope provided transportation for students who lived two miles or more from school. Snacks were provided for students on Thursdays!

The most significant measurable outcomes were the increases in the 5th grade students' science scores on the district formatives and summative assessments. The percent of fifth grade students who were proficient in science increased by 19 percentage points, from 61% to 80%. Soon, FCAT data for fifth grade science will be available to determine if there was a significant change.

FBH sponsored several group events throughout the year! Our students attended the Daytona State College winter musical program at the Daytona State's News Journal; an Embry-Riddle Basketball game; BCU Musicals and awards events, and the end of the year awards banquet at the Speedway. On behalf of our school, we would like to thank Food Brings Hope for all the wonderful resources and assistance the organization has provided our students. We have seen how beneficial it is and we would like to keep this precious partnership alive for the new school year!



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Shariah Taylor and
Johnny Edwards

In 2014-2015 school year, Turie T. Small Elementary School's Kid-
sZone focused on providing additional tutoring for students in 3rd
and 4th grades who need additional support.

KidsZone Extended Day Program had 25 participating each week on
Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program was organized for 3rd grade
ELA support. Students were tutored for an hour and a half in the fall
of 2014. An additional 25 fourth grade students were provided
the opportunity to integrate technology into reading and math
instructions during lunch time in spring of 2015. Activities involved
the use of iPads with Success Maker, building both reading and
math skills.

KidsZone focused on providing comprehensive tutorial opportunities
to increase the academic achievement of the lowest performing
students in the areas of English Language Arts. In order to provide
equity and access for all students who need tutoring, Food Brings Hope provided transportation for students who lived two
miles or more from school. Snacks were provided for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

The most significant measurable outcomes were the increases in the 5th grade students' writing scores on the district
formatives and summative assessments. The percent of third grade students who were proficient in ELA increased by 5
percentage points; from 58% to 63%. The percent of fourth grade students who were proficient in ELA increased by 7
percentage points, from 58% to 65%.

Food Brings Hope sponsored several group events throughout the year! Our students attended the Daytona State College
winter musical program at the Daytona News Journal; an Embry-Riddle Basketball game; BCU Musicals and awards events.
The end of the year awards banquet was spectacular and included a visit from our very own Governor Rick Scott. Lunch and
games were enjoyed at the Speedway.

On behalf of our school, we would like to thank Food Brings Hope for all the wonderful resources and assistance the
organization has provided our students. We have seen measureable benefits and will continue to work to expand the program
to serve our students better!



Lisa Williams

Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Brentavious Black



WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY 2013-2014

Westside Elementary School's after school program called, Westside's Night Alive (WNA), has worked with Food Brings Hope to provide students with enriching activities in a safe environment. This relationship, through the kindness of Mrs. Forough Hosseini, has provided children with opportunities to experience events they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. We are truly grateful for her generosity. Those events include the Daytona State College Holiday Concert, ERAU basketball game, The Moscow Ballet, Enrichment Camp meals, Daytona International Speedway trip, Health and Spa Day and the student rewards program.



In addition to all that Mrs. Hosseini funds, Westside's Night Alive is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. These funds provide the salaries and supplies for certified teachers to empower students in the following areas: reading and math tutoring, science, individual fitness, team sports, ballroom dancing, band, Early Act Rotary Club, gardening, robotics, adult programs and more. The reading and math tutoring is conducted by Volusia County certified teachers and take place for an hour daily.

- The science program focuses on skills needed in the core curriculum as well as a robotics curriculum that was introduced with a grant from NASA.
- The individual fitness and team sports focuses on skills needed for tennis, basketball, track and field, soccer, use of the outdoor fitness park and more.
- The Ballroom Dance program is run by a USA Dance teacher. The students are taught the proper dance moves and performed at the holiday extravaganza.
- Band is for grades three through five and performs at various events throughout the year. The Band won third prize for all Band contestants in the 2013 Holly Hill Holiday Parade!
- Early Act Rotary Club is run under the guidance of Daytona Beach Rotary Club members and VCS teachers, Jeremy Phillips and Jennifer Dietz. The students learn the core values of helping others and does community outreach projects.
- Garden Dedication May 2014 - The gardening program was begun by the Early Act Rotary Club. This year the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach gave Westside further donations to expand the program.
- Adult programs include fitness, technology, and family nights offered after the students are dismissed.



The Westside's Night Alive program was initiated eight years ago with the intent of giving students a safe place to be afterschool. It has become a well respected program in the community that parents rely on.



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Taurus Norwood and
Ariah King





Westside's Night Alive program began their partnership with Food Brings Hope KidsZone in Fall of 2007. This relationship continues to provide our children with opportunities to experience many cultural events throughout the year that they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. We are truly grateful for their generosity. Some of the many events provided by Food Brings Hope include:

Daytona State College Holiday Concert: This evening brought culture to the lives of many for the first time. Students were able to experience music of a different nature after enjoying a meal provided by Sodexo.

ERAU Basketball Game: WNA/KidsZone students and other KidsZone and TeenZone students from the area cheered the Eagles on after enjoying pizza and a presentation from ERAU's coach, Steve Ridder. The evening ended with the presentation of basketballs to take home and many smiles.

Dr. Firouz Naderi: Students were treated to a special presentation by NASA engineer Dr. Firouz Naderi who explained the universe, stars, and other potential habitats for life within our solar system and beyond.

Sports and Nutrition Day: Students participated in sports and agility drills led by student-athletes from Embry-Riddle, health discussion by Nutritionist, Judi Boone, and a Zumba exercise session lead by Quanita and her team. Students also enjoyed a healthy dinner before departing.

Banking Program: This program provided through Wells Fargo Bank and United Way, taught the children about finance management. The students received many gifts along the way including calculators, piggy banks, and a \$50 savings bond.

Awards presentation and Year End Celebration: The day started at Mainland High with a visit from Governor Rick Scott who addressed the students and presented awards to each school's Citizens of the Year. Students then proceeded to Daytona International Speedway to board trams and experience a guided tour around the track! They enjoyed a meal by Sodexo and danced the day away to the sounds of DJ Miguel.

Student Rewards Program: The award ceremonies are greatly appreciated! The students work hard each quarter and earn awards in attendance, punctuality, improvement, achievement and citizenship. The continued generosity of Mrs. Hosseini allows us to provide each student with a certificate and a prize.



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Diamond Robinson



CAMPBELL MIDDLE 2013-2014



Campbell Middle School's after school program called, Campbell's Night Alive (CNA), has worked with TeenZone to provide students with enriching activities in a safe environment. This relationship has provided children with opportunities to experience events they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. Those events include the Daytona State College Holiday Concert, ERAU basketball game, Moscow Ballet, Enrichment Camp meals, Daytona International Speedway trip, Health & Spa Day and student rewards program.

In addition to all that FBH funds, Campbell's Night Alive is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. These funds provide the salaries and supplies for certified teachers to empower students in the following areas: reading and math tutoring, science, individual fitness, team sports, technology, art education, BMX STEM program, adult programs and more. The reading and math tutoring is conducted by Volusia County certified teachers and take place for an hour daily.



- The individual fitness and team sports focuses on skills needed for tennis, basketball, volleyball, track and field, soccer and more.
- The science program focuses on skills needed in the core curriculum as well as a robotics curriculum that was introduced with a grant from NASA.
- The technology classes provided students with core curriculum practice and use of programs like PowerPoint.
- Art Education was introduced by way of Art in History which taught about a time frame in history and then an artifact from that time was painted.
- The BMX STEM program uses BMX bicycles to teach STEM based lessons to students.
- The adult programs include fitness, technology and family fun days offered after the students are dismissed.



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Breonna Ford and
Keyonna Ford



Campbell's Night Alive program was initiated three years ago with the intent of giving students a safe place to be afterschool. It has become a well respected program in the community parents rely on.

Campbell Middle School and Teen Zone program began their partnership with Food Brings Hope KidsZone in Fall of 2008. *Campbell's Night Alive* program was initiated three years ago. This relationship continues to provide our children with opportunities to experience many cultural events throughout the year that they would not ordinarily have had the opportunity to experience. Some of the many events provided by Food Brings Hope include: Daytona State College Holiday Concert, ERAU basketball game, Dr. Firouz Naderi, Governor Scott and Daytona International Speedway trip and the student rewards program.



This year our TeenZone students gave up a Saturday to paint and landscape the outside of a home located near their school.

"The kids did a great job demonstrating the importance of giving back," said Dan Lucas, Campbell Middle teacher and Food Brings Hope sponsor.



Students focus on science skills

Daytona State College Holiday Concert
at News-Journal Center



Year End Event at Daytona
International Speedway



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Christopher O'Connor

MacKenzie Coleman



NEW SMYRNA BEACH MIDDLE 2013-2014

This was our third consecutive year with TeenZone and we had some really good goals set for New Smyrna Beach Middle! We wanted to maintain academic expectations with the students as well as to provide a safe haven for mentoring and friendships with their peers. Every meeting started out with planner reviews, homework or silent reading. Mrs. Hughes' art room was our meeting spot and student computers were available for research or writing papers. Mrs. Hardy had 8 of the 8th grade members so she was able to work with them on pre-algebra concepts from class as well as providing the students with FCAT review packets. The Art Room is a wonderful place with lots of fun resources for creativity and imaginations. Throughout the year, the students created painted pumpkins, clay figures, origami, bottle cap art, making ornaments, painting pictures with watercolor and acrylic paints, and making Valentines and Christmas Cards. The students also enjoyed going outside for basketball, four square and tennis. And of course, the great meals and field trips throughout the year made TeeznZone a wonderful place to be!

Since our numbers were manageable, our meals ranged from home cooked dinners to pizza. Besides the always popular pizza, some of their other favorite meals included a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving, a ham dinner for Christmas, a taco bar with all the works for them to create their own tacos, spaghetti and meatballs, Chinese takeout, Publix fried chicken and sandwich rings and our very own cookout complete with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill outside! Yes, our kids always looked forward to the next meeting and most were checking in every week to see if this was the Wednesday for a great afternoon!

Field trips were a big favorite and we attended several this year. The Christmas concert was outstanding and we enjoyed our meal at the Daytona State College. Some of our kids got pictures with Santa Claus and we looked at the decorations and lights on the bus ride back to New Smyrna Beach singing Christmas Carols as we rode. We had the great opportunity to attend the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in February and with several musicians in our group; they really loved it. No one had ever been to the symphony before so it was a great experience.

On May 1, we had a great time at Daytona International Speedway taking a tour of the track and then getting to meet the disc jockey from the radio station. We continued to meet during the month of May and continued on with our United Way Banking Program. The kids learned so much about handling their money and setting up bank accounts. It was good for the adults as well!

We had assistance from several contributors this year. At Christmas, the Volusia Building Industry Association brought a van full of toys to be distributed to the kids and their families. We were able to provide a full Christmas to three TeenZone families and every member received a wrapped gift at our Holiday meeting. The Project Linus organization made quilts and blankets which we also distributed to each member at Christmas. Clothing was donated by Kidds Are First and we had a good time picking items out that they liked and needed. Through Bob Davis, President of the Hotel Motel Association, we received donations from hotels which were used to make "goodie bags" at the end of the year with shampoo, conditioner, soap along with a deck of cards and fruit gushers for the kids to take home. Our membership numbers ranged from a high of 18 to an average of 13-15 per meeting. The majority of our members this year were in 8th grade so we'll be recruiting new members next year!

Thank you Food Brings Hope for another successful year. We really look forward to what the new year brings!!



Citizenship Awards

Presented to

Savannah Willhoite and Ronnie O'Connor

With this being our fourth consecutive year with TeenZone, many of our students had gone on to the high school, so we were in high recruitment mode! Getting the word out to other teachers and guidance counselors was the first matter of business. We sent out invitations to thirty students to attend our first meeting providing the message we were a group they could count on for support in their education, friendship and mentoring mindsets. We operated our meetings with tutoring and help with homework along with planner and pinnacle checks. Setting expectations high, we made sure students understood the importance of their academics. We had computers in the art room for their use. Because our new state tests were computer based, we used different programs to help them be prepared for the test. Several students had Mrs. Hardy for Pre-Algebra, so I would make sure they had their work completed and any necessary class room supplies. Mrs. Hughes is the art teacher, so this was a great way for students to express themselves with various art projects throughout the year. She collected plastic bottle caps and our TeenZone group helped with sorting and monitoring of the caps. They also had many art projects themselves including murals, paintings, sculptures and cards. While Mrs. Hardy prepared or set out the meal, Mrs. Hughes would take the students outside to the track or basketball court for some recreation and exercise. They loved competing with each other and playing together. We played four square, tennis, kickball, Frisbee and basketball.



After all this, the students were always looking forward to one of our special meals. Healthy snacks of carrots and ranch dressing, apple slices and pretzels were available before the meal. They also liked salsa and chips. We had lots of exciting meals—many we prepared ourselves. Their favorite was Taco TeenZone. We had both hard and soft tacos available with all the fixings—hamburger meat, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, jalapenos, salsa and onions. They ate until they couldn't move! Other meals included spaghetti and meatballs, Publix fried chicken, Papa John's pizza and wings, Walmart 6 foot sub sandwich, Chinese buffet, Turkey for Thanksgiving and ham for Christmas. Leftovers were carefully wrapped up and sent home. Many children requested these leftovers for their parents or brothers and sisters.

We had some challenging middle school students this year and had to monitor lots of behaviors. There was a lot of social skill instruction as well as learning to deal with a lot of different personalities. We had special needs students who were part of our group and this was a great way for all of the students to understand how much different yet how much alike we all are. Parents reported how much our club had become a very important part of their development.

The students enjoyed several exciting fields trips such as DSC's Christmas show and dinner, ERAU basketball game as well as meeting the Governor and the trip to the Speedway. Having our Principal meet up with us and participate always made them feel very important.



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Christopher O'Connor

MacKenzie Coleman



MAINLAND HIGH 2013-2014

Thanks to a generous donation from supporter Patty Teeters (Mainland Class of 1961), FBH was proud to welcome Mainland High School to its TeenZone after school program in 2014. Principal Dr. Cheryl Salerno was literally moved to tears when Mrs. Hosseini and Mrs. Teeters delivered the news. "The need we have among our student body is just overwhelming," said Dr. Salerno. "You have no idea how meaningful this will be."

Mrs. Teeters was inspired to help students in need at her alma mater. She and her husband, Bruce, donated \$5,000 to FBH with the purpose of starting a FBH TeenZone program at Mainland. "I just felt compelled to do something about the poverty and hunger among my fellow Buccaneers," said Mrs. Teeters. "FBH is doing amazing things in the community and this seemed like an appropriate way to do our part to help kids in need."

"The Buc Zone" consists of about 18 active members and plan to add more when the new school year starts. Ms. Kristie Long serves as sponsor for the girls, who call themselves "Girls with STYLE." Mr. Don Garner leads the boys, who call themselves "Guys with Pride."

Their weekly meetings include tutoring and meals as well as recognition for achievement. On a monthly basis, the girls and boys meet separately and address different issues. The founding student members participated in a brainstorm session to develop the platform and address key issues. They are interested in focusing on subjects like building self esteem, controlling attitude, learning to speak properly, presenting themselves like young ladies and young men, developing social skills and working on job and college applications.

The students attended the year-end celebration at Daytona International Speedway. It was a very special time for them. Many had never been to the race track and had a great time. Food Brings Hope allowed us an opportunity to recognize a couple of our students with a special award. Mr. Garner was enabled to award a young man who had turned his life around and is becoming a successful student.

The leadership of Dr. Salerno and the dedicated sponsors she appointed is matched by the enthusiasm of the students who are motivated to establish an affiliation that allows students to alter their paths in a positive way. Great accomplishments are expected of The Buc Zone!

We look forward to putting together a study hall tutoring and life skills after school program in the 2014-2015 school year in coordination with the Food Brings Hope program. Thank you for including Mainland High School in your program!



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Nyla Davis and Xavier Carlile

The Mainland High School TeenZone program had 25 active students. MHS Teen Zone students attended 4 organized TeenZone functions this year: Embry Riddle basketball night, Dr. Firouz Naderi Presentation, Food Brings Hope Awards Ceremony with Governor Scott, and the End of the Year Banquet.

Our students represented a broad range of socioeconomic backgrounds. Our high school students are very involved on campus. Our TeenZone participants were advanced placement students, band auxiliary members, cheerleaders, SGA members, class officers, basketball players, flag football players, among others.

Seven of our members were graduating seniors. All will be attending colleges and universities including Florida A&M University, Bethune-Cookman University, and Daytona State College. Two senior members, Nina Hughes and Kamari Thomas, were recognized by Gov. Scott for their citizenship achievements.



Mainland High School was chosen as the host school for two very notable events, Dr. Firouz Naderi presentation and the Citizenship Award presentation with Governor Scott. MHS's senior government & economics classes were also able to attend Gov. Scott's address to the KidsZone/TeenZone Students.

The FBH group events that we were able to attend were well organized and entertaining. Event staff was always courteous and helpful. Our TeenZone students were extremely appreciative of the generosity shown to them by Mrs. Forough Hosseini and the Food Brings Hope family.

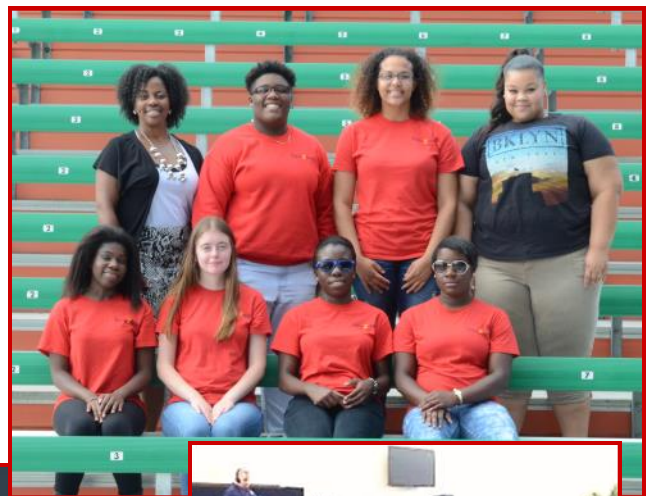
Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients



Kamari Thomas



Nina Hughes



SPRUCE CREEK HIGH 2013-2014



Spruce Creek High School was very excited to usher in our **second** year of participation in the Food Brings Hope program with the continuation of our TeenZone Club. This year we had sixteen full time members. Six were 10th grade students returning to the club from last year, and ten were 9th grade students in their initial high school year. Some of our 9th grade students had participated in the TeenZone program at the Middle School level, and they, along with their parents had requested to be involved with the program at our school. This speaks volumes about the reach of what Food Brings Hope has accomplished. As sponsors, it was truly a pleasure to watch these students bond with each other, and find comfort in a high school setting.

Like last year, our group met every Wednesday for an hour and a half. During this time, students completed homework and received tutoring and academic guidance. The transportation provided by the Food Brings Hope program was invaluable, as the participating students generally had no other means to get home. In addition, the food provided by the program served as a terrific incentive to keep these students on track. It was exciting to watch students come every week to spend time productively working on their academics. This was only made possible by the Food Brings Hope Program.

This year, our students were fortunate enough to participate in several events made possible by Food Brings Hope. First, we held our Spruce Creek High School TeenZone First Semester Awards Banquet. Six of our students received awards, provided by the program, for achievement in academics and citizenship. Next, our students attended the Embry Riddle Basketball Game. This was a terrific event where the students not only got to enjoy the game, but were treated to inspirational advice from coaches, players and Steve Lochte, the father and coach of Olympic Gold Medalist swimmer Ryan Lochte. The students enjoyed this event so much, it was difficult to get them back on the bus. Finally, our students participated in the Food Brings Hope Year End Banquet at the Daytona International Speedway. For the second straight year, a wonderful time was had by all, as students were taken on a tour of the track, received a terrific dinner, and heard the advice of Nascar's Lesa Kennedy. Two of our students received awards for citizenship from Mrs. Hosseini herself.



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Richard Rogers and
Channing Graham

In reflection, the 2012 – 2013 school year was a great success for the Spruce Creek High TeenZone. All of us involved with the program, including students, parents, administration, and club sponsors, cannot express enough, our gratitude for the program that Food Brings Hope has provided. We look forward to continuing our partnership and the benefits it provides for our students.

Volunteering involves more than donating some of your free time; it requires finding out what it takes to make a project successful and giving it your all, even if you have to work through half the night, night after night...

Forough B. Hosseini

During the 2014-2015 school year, TeenZone members at Spruce Creek High School celebrated our fourth year of participation with the Food Brings Hope Program. Our ten full time members and eight partial participants received academic support and tutoring while building lasting peer relationships in a friendly after-school environment.

It is particularly bittersweet as we have to send off three of our original members from our initial year; one member graduated early and is enrolled at Daytona State College, while two other original members will be graduating this June and are set to continue their education at the university level, one at Baylor University in Texas, and the other at Clark-Atlanta University in Georgia. In addition we have another member who has been with us for three years who will be graduating and is making plans to attend Daytona State College in the fall. We are extremely proud of this group, and we will miss them dearly. We wish them all the best in the future.

Similar to previous years, our members met every Wednesday for an hour and a half to two hours where they received tutoring and academic support. These students received snacks and most importantly, transportation home, all provided by Food Brings Hope. The majority of our members had been involved with the group during previous years, but as in every year, we were able to welcome several newcomers. The academic support and transportation were greatly appreciated by both students and parents.

In addition to our weekly meetings, we were able to attend the Embry Riddle Basketball Game Event sponsored by Food Brings Hope. Our students had a terrific time listening to encouraging advice provided by Coach Ridder and players followed by an exceptional victory by the team. And while we were saddened that our entire group could not attend the speech by Governor Scott and the year-end banquet, it was really exciting for our two recipients of the Citizenship Awards to receive this recognition directly from the Governor himself at Mainland High School. It was a moment neither of the students will soon forget.

As always, we at Spruce Creek High School are extremely grateful to Food Brings Hope for providing our students with all of these opportunities. We look forward to a continuing and lasting partnership and many TeenZone years to come.



Citizenship of the Year Award Recipients

Ashley Washington

Channing Graham



NEW SMYRNA BEACH HIGH 2013-2014

For the 2013-2014 school year TeenZone met every other Wednesday for two hours. Our goal at New Smyrna Beach High School was to provide academic assistance and a nutritious meal to students. Furthermore, we wanted to instill a “can-do” attitude in our students to inspire them to succeed in life and give back to others.

The first hour of our meetings was dedicated to academics, which included tutoring and completing homework/class assignments. Students also used this first hour to visit other teachers to re-take summative assessments, or ask for work that was missed due to an absence. This was very important for academic success, since most of our students do not have transportation of their own. This extra hour for academics helped our students to bring up their grades and allowed for one-on-one time with a teacher or peer tutor.

The second hour of TeenZone was dedicated to mealtime and activities. We not only made our own meals but also worked with the culinary department at New Smyrna Beach High School, led by Lynn Roberson, to provide healthy meals and always stressed the importance of well balanced diet to students. Students enjoyed the togetherness and companionship during meal time. As a group, we caught up on each other’s lives and discussed current events or difficulties the students had encountered. If time allowed, students participated in events such as teacher aids and school beautification.

Food Brings Hope offered special events during the year and our students were fortunate to participate in some of them. The DSC Holiday Concert was a great success. Our students were treated to dinner after which they enjoyed the concert. The performances put all of us in a holiday spirit, which we kept throughout the season. ERAU game night was also a great hit with the students. The special events gave our students experiences that they might not otherwise be exposed to.

All of the student enjoyed TeenZone and its special events. The students and mentors have formed a bond that will last for years to come.



Citizenship Awards

Presented to
Julia Jones and
Joseph Ramsey



Food Brings Hope's Teen Zone at Taylor Middle/High School was established in 2013-2014 to help provide families with groceries and establish an after-school program to help assist struggling learners.

TeenZone helped focus on providing tutoring with focus on increasing student achievement in Reading, Math, Science, and Writing. Forty-two students participated in the program each Tuesday and Thursday beginning in October and ending in April. Food Brings Hope provided transportation for students who live in the Pierson/Deleon Springs/Seville communities who otherwise would not be able to participate due to lack of transportation. Snacks were provided to each student.

Over 68% of the students participating in the tutoring program showed gains in their grades for the nine weeks. As we tackle the transportation shortage on the west side of the county for next year, it is our goal to increase the number of students participating in the FBH program.

The 2014-2015 school year saw a repeat of these services to the Pierson/Deleon Springs /Seville communities.

Food Brings Hope provides our families with groceries each week with their Weekend-Feed-A-Family program. Twenty-seven families participated in this program over the course of the 2014-2015 school year. Over 1000 bags of groceries have been delivered over the past two years. We look forward to working with FBH and HUM serving the needs of our community.

New to our program was the establishment of our STEM focus with ERAU. At Taylor Middle/High we were provided the opportunity to offer STEM activities to our students. Through the intervention of FBH (and of course Mrs. Hosseini) ten of our Science Olympiad Club team members participated in a competitive statewide event related to producing a hydrogen powered car and racing for twelve hours. Our team was awarded the first-place in the research and design division. Thanks to a great partnership with ERAU, our students had a chance to use the ERAU Engineering Lab to create a 3D car body and experiment using the wind tunnel.

The Taylor TeenZone students participated in the winter music program and the ERAU basketball game. These opportunities allow our students to expand their horizons about what is happening in the Volusia County School District.

Thanks for an outstanding program reaching out to the Northwest portion of Volusia County meeting the needs of our community. Special thanks goes out to Food Brings Hope for providing our students and families these wonderful opportunities. We look forward to next year's partnership and we know without organizations like FBH our students and families would not have these experiences. Thank you FBH!



Taylor Middle High Team Wildcats

working hard in the "pit area."



1st place design team in the Hydrogen Car Challenge

From left to right: Emily Frisbie, Lilliana Torres, Gerardo Galarza, Brendan Register, Daniel Munoz, Ivan Santana, Lisette Lopez, and Amayrani Galarza.

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History

2007 –2008

- Teen Zone Pilot program started at Hinson
- 27 students in program
- In 2008, added KidzZone at Osceola Elementary with 75 students

2009

- Expanded to Five Schools, Two Elementary and three Middle Schools
- 245 students enrolled

2010

- Expanded to Six Schools, three Elementary and three Middle Schools
- 395 students enrolled

2011

- Expanded to Seven schools, New Smyrna Beach High became first High School to hold a Teen Zone Club.
- Program continued to expand offering more opportunities
- 420 students enrolled

2012

- Expanded to nine schools, adding two additional High Schools, Spruce Creek & Deltona
- FBHonors Pilot program was started at Westside Elementary.
- New programs and Partnerships were formed.
- 450 students enrolled

2013

- Programs hosted in ten Volusia County Schools, five elementary and five middle and high schools
- Expanded FBHonors to Campbell Middle School
- Expanded Weekend-Feed-A-Family to over 100 families
- 500 students enrolled

2014

- Programs expands to eleven schools, adding Mainland High School
- FBHonors expanded to serve two middle schools as well as Westside
- Weekend-Feed-A-Family expanded to serve close to 200 families
- 550 students enrolled

2015

- Now serving 13 Volusia County Schools, welcomed Southwestern Middle and Champion Elementary Schools
- Expanded FBHonors to students from three middle schools plus Westside
- Provided 6,000 weekend grocery bags to 233 families
- 695 students enrolled



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