



Food Brings Hope donating 2,700 pounds of food to start a Food Pantry at University High School in Orange City

Food Brings Hope, in cooperation with Halifax Urban Ministries, will be providing 2,700 pounds of food to University High School to start a food pantry program on Thursday, March 1, at 10 a.m.

University High School has over 2,500 students, with approximately 50% of them qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program. Forty-nine of their students are classified as homeless, which is the highest number of homeless students of any Volusia County High School.

Lack of adequate nutrition affects the students' behavior, growth and academics. Young adults who go without meals due to personal/family hardship are the most vulnerable and underserved of our community's citizens. In a time when many of the area's moderate to low income families are having great difficulty securing an affordable place in which to live, receiving food can make a difference in enabling them to have money to pay the rent and utilities.

University High School Principal Dennis Neal said, "We are most grateful to Food Brings Hope for addressing our needs by donating 2,700 pounds of nutritious food for our students and their families. We have found that many of them do not have transportation to sources of community aid. Providing these basic necessities right here at University High, will have a major impact on our students."

Food Brings Hope, founded by local businesswoman Forough Hosseini, is dedicated to helping break the cycle of poverty for homeless and other economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Public Schools.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.FoodBringsHope.org or contact Executive Director Beth Butera at Beth@FoodBringsHope.org.