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Learn how the effects of COVID-19 are impacting our neighbors
Dear Neighbor,

At this time of year, with summer just around the corner, we typically turn our focus to the children who will lose access to school meals when school lets out. This year, that time is now.

With school out because of COVID-19, thousands of children who usually rely on free and reduced-price school meals are suddenly without.

School meal programs exist to provide a food safety net for families who struggle to afford groceries. But when classes end, many parents aren’t able to replace the breakfasts and lunches their children typically have at school — especially with unexpected job loss due to business closures.

Fortunately — because you choose to give — All Faiths Food Bank works to meet this need by providing food through emergency feeding programs and partners. We’ve just launched our Campaign Against Summer Hunger to connect kids who rely on school meals with the food they need to thrive.

Thanks to a generous pool of donors, every $1 you give in support of this important campaign will DOUBLE. I hope we can count on you to join the Campaign Against Summer Hunger matching gift challenge — it will be put to use right away to meet the urgent need!

You can learn about the impact your continued support will make this summer in the following pages. Nearly 40,000 children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties are at serious risk of hunger right now. Your generosity brings them hope in the form of healthy food.

Thank you sincerely for stepping up to help, even in the midst of your own struggles. You change lives every day!

All my best,
Sandra Frank
Chief Executive Officer

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During a typical month, Pam volunteers at eight different local school and mobile food pantries! She says that, initially, she was taken aback by the fact that her neighbors see healthy food as a luxury. She’d meet people who wouldn’t be able to take home some items because they didn’t have basics like a stove or can opener.

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“You feel appreciated when you volunteer — like you’re doing something they need,” she says. “They’re so grateful.”

We are equally grateful for caring people like Pam who graciously give their time to support the good health and well-being of their neighbors. Thank you for your generous gifts of time!

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Tammy and her husband, Mark, graciously welcomed their granddaughter, Brianna, into their home about six years ago when her parents were no longer able to care for her. But at their age, caring for a little one again was quite an adjustment.

“She came to us when she was 18 months old,” Tammy remembers. “We weren’t expecting to start over with raising a child.”

The couple are facing an especially stressful phase of life. In addition to providing for Brianna, Tammy regularly visits and cares for her mother, who has dementia. At the same time, she and Mark are both still working — Tammy at State College of Florida and Mark at a local hospital.

But even with their combined incomes, affording monthly expenses can be tough — especially during the summer. Brianna eats free meals at school when classes are in session, but due to recent COVID-19 school closures, Tammy now has to make room in the family budget to cover those daily breakfasts and lunches.

That’s why she’s so grateful for your support. Brianna is about to finish third grade. Fortunately for her family, All Faiths Food Bank runs a Mobile Pantry at her elementary school, which provides nutritious groceries for students and families.

Tammy says it’s a relief to be able to fill Brianna’s plate with healthy food, which she and Mark often can’t afford on their own. She wanted to share her gratitude.

“I’m thankful for everything you do,” Tammy says to friends like you. “You’re really here for the kids.”

Because you choose to give, children have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. Thank you for supporting the Campaign Against Summer Hunger and making sure children have the urgent supply of food they need now!