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Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your dedicated support to end hunger in our community. As we come to the end of a truly trying year, it's a comfort to know we have caring people like you in our corner.

During this season we give thanks for the support of our veterans. Twice a month our veterans pantry helps make sure those who have served and protected our country can access the healthy food they need to thrive.

We're also in the full swing of our annual holiday ThankFULL Hearts and Tummies campaign! I hope you'll join our efforts to make sure families across Sarasota and DeSoto counties can celebrate this season with warm, comforting meals on the table. There's still so much to be ThankFULL for this year.

Flip through this special holiday edition of *Food for Thought* to learn how you're sharing hope in the form of food. Both Colleen on the following page and Jeanette, who you'll meet on page 4, are working to improve their family's situation by earning degrees in nursing and law.

Your generosity is truly paving the way toward our community's bright future. I know we can rebuild together because people like you care so much. I look forward to our continued partnership in the new year!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Frank".

Sandra Frank, JD
Chief Executive Officer



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Fill an empty plate today at allfaithsfoodbank.org

Give Smart and Make a Difference

The need has grown dramatically in our community serving 45% new clients at our distributions. Maximize your gift today with these tax smart ways to give:

-  **Donate appreciated stock:** Avoid capital gains tax by donating your appreciated stocks to All Faiths Food Bank.
-  **Give from your IRA (if you are 70 1/2 or older):** Although Congress has suspended taking RMDs (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRAs this year, gifts from your IRA are still not considered taxable income.
-  **Charitable remainder trusts:** You may benefit from funding these with appreciated property to avoid capital gains taxes.

You're Helping Colleen Create a Brighter Future

“With COVID-19, [nurses] are needed now more than ever,” says Colleen, who’s studying to become a licensed practical nurse at Suncoast Technical College. “[The pantry] means less worrying and more ability to focus on studying and being a better parent.”

Colleen and her husband found out about the All Faiths Food Bank pantry at their 9-year-old son’s school about a year ago. They’re raising their two children in North Port and often struggle to afford enough food as Colleen juggles working on her degree.

The couple’s kids are active soccer players, and it brings their mom

peace of mind knowing she can fill their plates with balanced meals.

“I very much appreciate everything that’s offered to us each time we go,” she says of the school pantry. “We rise by lifting others.”

Because you choose to give, Colleen’s family doesn’t have to experience hunger while she works to become a nurse.

It’s truly inspiring to hear how your gifts of time and treasure bring hope to people in our communities who might otherwise go hungry. At this time of year especially, your help is so greatly needed — and appreciated!



“We rise by lifting others.”

– COLLEEN

Thank You to Sheril and Maria for Being Hunger Heroes



Sheril’s spent her entire career in the corporate world with more than 20 years of experience in corporate real estate. When she cut back her hours from full-time work, she knew she wanted to fill that extra time helping the community.

That’s when she met Maria, a former employee of All Faiths Food Bank who couldn’t give up giving back when she retired.

Sheril and Maria have found friendship while serving others — all during a pandemic.

“It made me become more grateful,” Sheril says of the role. “I was so grateful for everything I had because of what I was doing.”

Maria adds, “The joy the clients give me is almost more than what I can provide for them.”

Both friends are passionate about supporting those affected by COVID-19 and follow strict safety guidelines while they volunteer.

Sheril and Maria encourage you to join them in ending hunger alongside All Faiths Food Bank and our many partners.

Maria says, “I tell anybody, you have to volunteer to realize it’s not what you’re giving, it’s what you receive.” Sheril confirms, “If you want to be of service and make a difference to someone else, then volunteer. There isn’t anything else I’m doing in my life that gives me the same sense of satisfaction that volunteering does.”

Our sincere thanks to Sheril and Maria and their dedication to ending hunger here in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties!

Local Families Give Thanks for You

Raising her child on her own has been tough for Jeanette. She has a full-time job with the state of Florida court system and is taking classes in legal studies. As hard as she works, Jeanette often finds it difficult to afford enough food for her daughter.

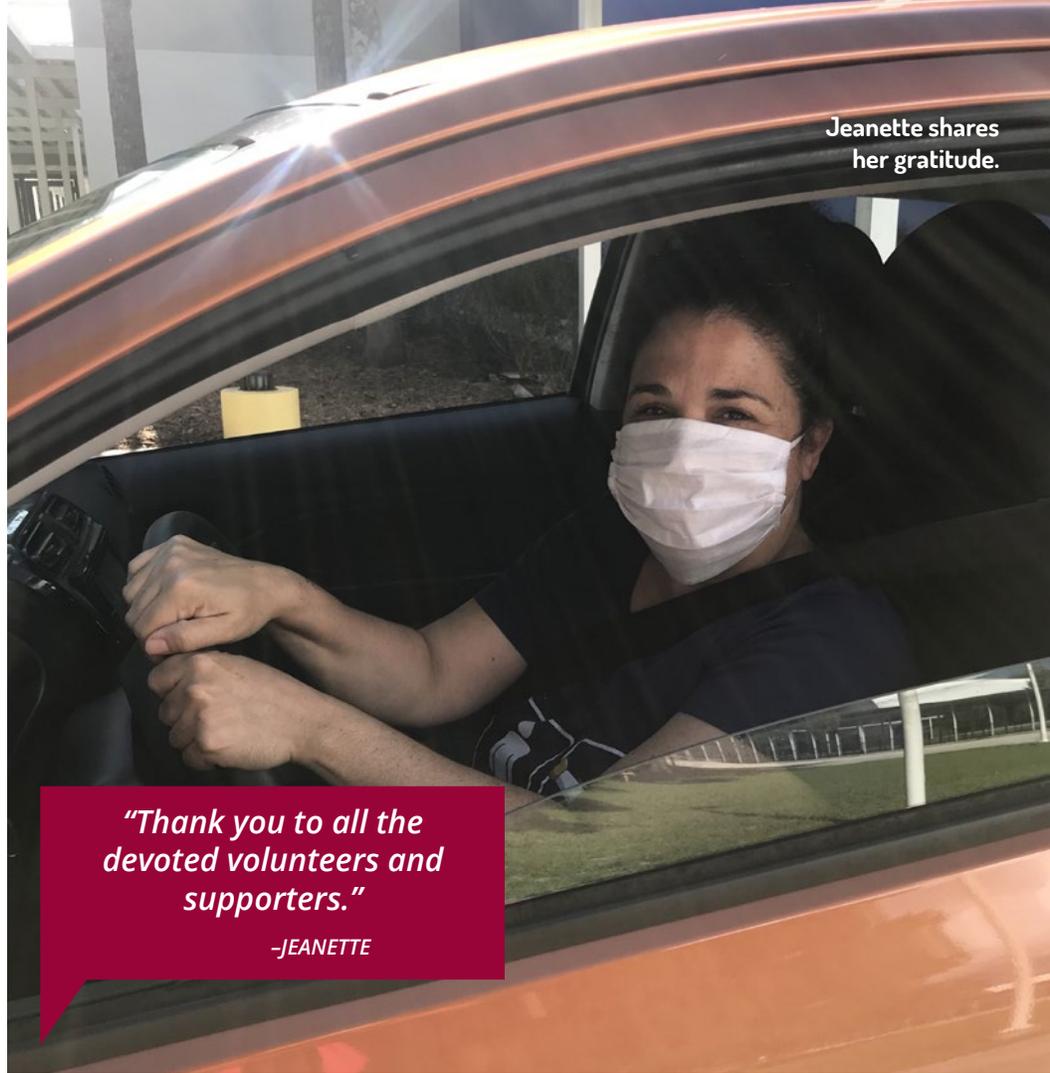
Fortunately, she's a proactive person. Jeanette found out about her local All Faiths Food Bank partner agency through a Google search.

"There's so much produce!" she says of the pantry. "My daughter has autism, so she struggles to eat certain things. This helps me provide her with nutritious food."

Jeanette's grateful for the respect she feels when she visits the food pantry. She says she feels like she's just going to the grocery store.

Your generous partnership means she, her little girl and their family can celebrate the holidays together around a special meal.

"Thank you to all the devoted volunteers and supporters," Jeanette says. "This helps me a lot."



Jeanette shares her gratitude.

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-JEANETTE

*"We couldn't have fulfilled our mission to end hunger this year without you. **Thank you** and happy holidays from each of us at All Faiths Food Bank!"*

Create a Lasting Legacy

Help end hunger by including All Faiths Food Bank in your estate plans and becoming part of the *Ending Hunger Society*.

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