

## THE DELIVERY

10,047 Families were served in April

40,845 Families served (so far) in 2017



It was late, we were tired, and the only thing I could think about was getting food into my own stomach, but as bread came flying past my head that night, God spoke.

Food For Families is one of the largest events that we do at Southeastern Food Bank. It's not the largest quantity of food, but it is by far the most logistics. Coordinating food pick-ups, as stores are closing, with volunteers, who have Easter plans the day after is tricky.

As we went back through pictures, we found Jesus. It's hard to pick one image, but the unity and team work as people unloaded bread from the back of a pick-up delivery in the pitch-black night stood out. Strangers were talking, laughing together because they had a unified

mission. You could feel it in the air.

The whole night, we found more smiles. Girl scouts were just learning what it means to serve people. A woman, looking stunning with gray hair, wore the most captivating grin as she pushed her husband down the line to bless people. Mothers, taught their sons how to sort through food. Young men, who many might assume would be out partying on a Saturday night, were serving their community. Their smiles are contagious.

Tears though were also there. A little girl, dressed in a princess gown with bare feet and intricately braided hair cried as she woke up from her nap. Work was paused for dinner, but she

The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.

-Corrie Ten Boom

## Food For Families: Food For the Soul

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wanted to help too. Of course, after dinner, she did. There are many pictures of tippy-toes stretched high to fill boxes, and little fingers wrapped around cardboard corners as she helped her father lift heavy boxes of food.

As I Food For Families ended that night, it became clear that God saw his own servant's heart radiating from his children. From all of us here at Southeastern Food Bank, it is a humbling confirmation to see people get behind what God is doing. We are honored to be a connection point where the body comes together to serve with all their resources. So thank you, from all of us here at Southeastern, you are the reason that we get to see those smiles.



## Staff Stories: Austi

As a recent graduate, a lot of my life feels like I'm moving back—literally. Back to the town I grew up in, back with my mom, back, back, back! I felt like an Israelite, going circles in the desert. That's when it hit me—They needed to learn in that time, and so do I. So Lord, What is it? I don't

know your answer (or mine) but I know we are in good company.

Jesus was there when the Earth was created, and then he submitted to the laws of the natural, being born as a baby. That must have left like going back. He did it though, because he knew the cross. He knew what was at the end of the journey. He came back for us.

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2

## Thank you...

God has done exceedingly and abundantly more than we could have hoped for, and that is because of people like you who have heard his call and answered in obedience. Most recently, we were able to participate in Stamp Out Hunger again this year with the U.S. Postal service on Saturday the 13th. Before that, we spent time at the International Christian Film Festival meeting some amazing friends that God set aside for us. And how could we forget the Easter Food For Families! We had an amazing turn out and helped 1,200 families here in central Florida. Thank you for partnering with us and stay tuned for big announcements coming later this month!

## CALENDAR

YardSale	Ocoee-Apopka Rd. Corner of Palm Dr.	May 20th 9 a.m.— 1 p.m.	Come visit and shop with us!
Big, exciting announcements	Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn	May 22nd & May 23rd 5:30 p.m. & 11 a.m.	Log on, follow SEFB, and see God move.
#FOODPARTY	Glad Tidings Church, Ocoee	June 10th	Come volunteer
Chipotle Fundraiser	Chipotle, Shops of Ocoee	June 22nd, 5 p.m.— 9 p.m.	Bring your flier and donate with dinner

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