

Southeastern FOOD BANK

A DIVISION OF BREAD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP

THE DELIVERY

February 2018

More Than A
Food Bank



In January,

We received:	110,064 lbs. of product
We served:	4,159 Families
	315 Seniors
	866 Adults
	5,307 Youth
	608 Children
	930 Volunteer Hours
	92 Salvations / Recommitments

While food bank does have the nicest ring to it, sometimes we wonder whether we ought to try swinging the title of “kitchenware bank”, or even “bedding bank”! Throughout the course of the year, Southeastern food Bank goes through seasons of highs and lows for receiving various non-food, in-kind donations from our partnerships with supermarkets and distributors.

In 2017’s hurricane season, State Emergency Services supplied us with cots, blankets, pillows, clothing, and water for relief of hurricane victims. Periodically, we will also receive paper plates, steel wool, and other kitchen utensils and cleaning products from Sysco and Florida Baptist Children’s Homes. Last year, Walmart even supplied us with a small load of school supplies, which we were able to provide to the Gadsden County school System in Northern Florida.

Though it isn’t our normal practice to

accept or store these types of donations in our warehouse throughout the fiscal year, we are extremely grateful for when we *do* get offered these products; because there is always *someone* who needs them!

The main beneficiaries of products like plates, cups, cutlery, soap, towels, and aluminum foil, for example, are our numerous partnerships with “internal organizations”, such as children’s homes, youth/young adult rehabilitation centers and homeless shelters.

A frequent dialogue that will take place when some of our internal partnerships confirm their pick-up appointments with us is something along the lines of: “Hey we have quite a surplus of _____, do you want us to bring you any of it when we come to pick up our load today?”; to which we typically respond with “*absolutely!*”

With these sorts of relationships, it’s much less about bartering, and much more about mutually assisting like-minded organizations. It’s a really neat thing when we get to partake in such collaboration between non-profits, because it just goes to show that there ought to be no competition when there is a singular, common goal in mind... to feed people body and soul.

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In the words of President Mark Anthony himself, “we don’t charge for our groceries to organizations, but are rather paid through changed lives here, and the other countries we serve”.

This is a wheel in motion that, for as long as God continues to bless, we fully intend to keep utilizing for the sake of the Gospel and community. And so we continually must come back to thanking *you*, for being one of the means through which God intends to accomplish that!

Staff Stories: Victor

Meet Victor, our newest addition to the team here at Southeastern Food Bank. Victor is a volunteer who has served with us for several months now as our Outreach Coordinator. Being the Spirit-saturated person that he is, upon being asked what he enjoys doing in his spare time, he responded with "church!". He also enjoys spending time at home with his wife and 9 year old daughter. For all of us, Victor is one worth knowing!



Thank you... To Wal-Mart for their generous in-kind donation of pharmaceuticals to our food bank. These various medications were sent to distressed locals in Venezuela through one of our international partners, "Mission Bread of Hospitality". We praise God for His mighty hand of orchestrating such means to get product to where it is needed.

Thank you also to Publix Supermarkets for their kind provision of cosmetic products, namely, lipstick! With this, non-profit *Find Your Fabulosity* is able to support and help heal female victims of domestic and dating violence. We are incredibly encouraged to see such creativity in caring for the lives of others.

CALENDAR

March Yard Sale	Corner of Palm Dr. & Ocoee-Apopka Rd. (Across the street from Sobik's Subs)	Saturday, March 10, 9am-1pm	Whether you're looking for household goods, yard items, or simply want to window shop, Come out and see us! All Donations Support Hunger Relief in Central Florida!
2018 Easter Food for Families packing event	Ocoee High School 1925 Ocoee Crown Point Parkway Ocoee, FL 34761	Saturday, March 31, 7pm-12pm Easter Sunday, April 1, 8am-10am	If you haven't already, consider making Food for Families a part of your Easter tradition by helping sort, pack and deliver 2,000 boxes of food to local families! Visit our website for more information. No registration necessary!

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