

## THE DELIVERY

March 2018



### In February,

We received: 177,041 lbs. of product

We served: 4,147 Families

402 Seniors

988 Adults

6,388 Youth

584 Children

782 Volunteer Hours

57 Salvations /  
Recommitments

Perhaps the more familiar obstacle for many in this life, rather than being *where* to find the remedy for our pain, or relief for our burdens, is rather, *how*. In America, while we do frequently see dental practices, hospitals, urgent care clinics, eye clinics, and various specialists, for many, the hurdle to overcome is inaccessibility and unaffordability.

It is for this reason that the Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps (RAM) exists. Through this organization, people are able to receive medical attention *at no cost to them*. On the weekend of March 3rd – 4th, Southeastern Food Bank, amongst others, had the pleasure and joy of joining their initiative at the Eustis Fairgrounds. This event was truly *beautiful*.

Several hundred locals, some coming from as far as Albany, GA, flocked to the fairgrounds as early as 8 pm the night previous (10 hours early) to register for dental, vision and medical assistance. Lines of tables (see above photo) with experienced professionals and equipment awaited to receive as many clients as time would permit.

Over the course of hours between these two days, Southeastern Food Bank was able to provide boxes of food and counseling to over 50 of these families! But upon sitting down with these individuals and listening to their respective stories, a common thread became clear: our deepest need far exceeds that of the physical. Grief, guilt, indifference, resentment, distrust, and confusion are all symptoms of the heart that frequently surfaced in our conversations that weekend.

While we may be comfortable with reasoning this as merely being an isolated statistic for those residents in Eustis, if we are honest and sensible, each of us would have to identify with having felt the same

symptoms in our own lives. Our hearts are marked with a history of stains and blemishes, bruises and scars. It's proof that we, surely, are in desperate need of a cure from the inside-out. We need restoration from the spiritual physician, Christ Jesus.

The Prophet Jeremiah testifies to the condition of the human heart with saying "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). While God is more than merciful in giving Himself for our salvation, He is far from hesitant in addressing what he saved us from, namely, the utter sickness and sinfulness of our hearts.

But for those who are weak and heavy laden, who need cure for their helpless estate, He calls out to them, saying "Come, and I will give you rest".



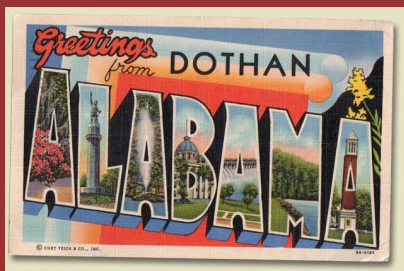
Thank you

To all professional medical volunteers, practices and organizations that participated in the RAM (Relief Area Medical) event in Eustis this month. It

was the massive cooperation of numerous entities that made this such a successful initiative. Some of these groups were: Deliver the Difference, the Big Red Bus, The Salvation Army, and, none other than the Relief Area Medical Volunteer Corps, itself.

## Delivering for Dothan

Each month, Southeastern Food Bank has the pleasure of partnering with three splendid food outreach ministries in Dothan, Alabama; these three being: Love in Action, The Ark, and Helping Hands. Last month, these organizations, cumulatively, provided physical and spiritual care for over 300 families in their city! We are so thankful for their work in being the hands and feet of Christ!



**Thank you...** to Sam's Club of Ocoee for their incredibly generous donation of their unused, trade-show items this month! These products will be used toward our community partnerships. Some items will be available at our yard sales, which help to generate revenue for providing food to our local community each month!

**A special Thank you to the Lee Foundation, and the Chatlos Foundation,** for their very kind financial contributions toward the expansion of our outreach programs! It is because of Foundations and all of our donors that we are able to do what we do each day! Your support feeds the community and provides services for those in need!

## CALENDAR

### 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!

### Tax Day, 2018



**Tuesday, April 17**

Tax Day is almost here! Please contact us if you need a receipt for your 2017 donations to Southeastern Food Bank/Bread of Life Fellowship, Inc.

Thank you again for your generosity in 2017!

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