

## THE DELIVERY

September/October 2018



### In September,

We served:	4,200 Families 324 Seniors 967 Adults 1321 Youth 545 Children 244 Volunteer Hours 77 Salvations / Recommitments
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### *Dining with our Donors*

It is seldom that our name collides with the livelihood and beauty that we were graced with on the evening of our annual dinner last month. For the staff here at Southeastern Food Bank, the event was just as much a morale-booster as it was a fund-raiser; it was beyond enjoyable to see so much of our supporting family dine alongside each other.

The welcoming atmosphere, largely owing to the decorative color themes and gleeful personalities, offered a refreshing setting to what us staff members are all-too accustomed to seeing on the regular: *pallet jacks and banana boxes!* Surely, this fond memory will be one we reflect on and find ourselves motivated by for the months to come!

But we'd be stopping short if we only shared of the end-product but failed to mention how it came to be. It would have been

*impossible* to facilitate the annual dinner in the way that we envisioned it apart from the loyalty of numerous friends in our community (*please see back*).

With President George W. Bush Impersonator John Morgan, there was not only a strong facilitation, but hearty entertainment, as well as a passionate sharing of his Christian testimony. With great transparency, he communicated to the entire room what his former life consisted of and how he has been so changed by the grace of Christ.

Compelling and true, it certainly softened our hearts to recalling the history of God's undeserved grace and love in our own lives as well. Thus, this time served as a valuable segue into Southeastern Food Bank's own story, which also depicts God's creation and molding of something that was once nothing.

And so, it is with great gratitude that we recognize God's means in accomplishing this, particularly being, the participation and financial contributions of those who attended our 2018 annual dinner. We were blessed with a generous crowd, who, not only purchased tickets to attend the dinner, but also made bids at the silent auction and donated toward the ministry during the fundraising portion of the evening.

With these donations now being entrusted to us, we are looking forward to designating them to next year's advancements of serving the residents in Quincy, FL, and Lord willing, Belle Glade, FL, in addition to all we do here in Central Florida. When we consider the direction that God is taking us with each year, we believe Dr. Seuss says it best in one of his most famous book titles: "*Oh The Places You'll Go!*".

*"To dwell on the past simply causes failure in the present. While you are sitting down and bemoaning the past and regretting all the things you have not done, you are crippling yourself and preventing yourself from working in the present. Is that Christianity? Of course it is not."*

*- Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

**Thank you...** We thank Quest Church of Ocoee for their gracious hosting of the venue for our dinner, as well as the Disney VoluntEARS for their invaluable assistance in food service. But of course, it wouldn't be a dinner at all without Pizzeria Valdiano of Winter Park and the Winter Garden Lions Club's provision of delicious desserts!

We'd also like to thank Bryant Production Events for their beautiful venue décor. A hearty thank you also goes to President George W. Bush Impersonator John C. Morgan for his Christ-like, comedic facilitation throughout the course of the evening. And most importantly, a huge thank you to all of our donors- you are providing a most basic need to those who need it most.

Finally, we sincerely thank the TJX Foundation and the new Marshalls Store #1428 in Vineland Pointe, Orlando for making us their community grant recipient! We look forward to them volunteering with us very soon for Thanksgiving's Food for Families event too!

## CALENDAR

Election Day



Tuesday,  
November 6

Exercise the rights we have been given by voting this November!

2018 November  
Food for Families

Ocoee High School  
1925 Ocoee Crown  
Point Parkway  
Ocoee, FL 34761

Wednesday, Nov. 21  
– Thursday, Nov. 22

Be a community team player this Thanksgiving by spending a few hours to help pack enough food for 1,200 families! No registration is necessary to volunteer.

Find more information for this event at:  
<http://www.southeasternfoodbank.com/>

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