



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Volunteer Vibes

Volunteer Newsletter of the Harry Chapin Food Bank

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Our Volunteers are Delivering Hope



2014 National Letter Carriers Food Drive Thrives

Each year, hundreds of our dedicated volunteers come out in force to staff the National Letter Carriers Food Drive. This year was no exception.

Almost 300 Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers sorted donated food at eight collection points. Thanks to our many volunteers, the postal service, Publix Super Markets and the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee, this single-day "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive was a huge success.



Thanks to the generosity of many Lee County residents, the Harry Chapin Food Bank received 231,368 pounds of food to distribute to our partner agencies, almost 8 percent more food than last year. Way to go!



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"www.Facebook.com/HarryChapinFoodBank"



"www.Twitter.com/HCFBSWFL"

Check out our thank-you video on YouTube:

**URL: http://youtu.be/_vU88AKIwb0
*Capital "i" after AK**

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We are so thankful to the letter carriers, the U.S. Postal Service and the community for their tremendous support. In one day, they came together and made an exceptional contribution to the fight against hunger during the difficult summer season. -Al Brislain, Harry Chapin, President & Chief Executive Officer

A Warm Welcome to Our New Volunteers

Kathy Agin
Isabel Aude
Christine Beckett
Mark Calvetti
Patrick Caughey
Victoria Caughey
Joseph Cerino
Allison Crooker
Paul Crooker
Zoia Davis
Jean Fragano
Cy Hall
Alison Harper
Robert Harris
Amy Hawthorne
Dale Hedlund
Barry Hoskins
Debra Hoskins
Maureen Jones
Irwin Kash
Kathryn Lane
Ronald Lanzetta
Susan Lanzetta
Amy McGarry
Kristin McGarry
Rachel McGarry
Martin McGowan
Bill McIntosh
Rhonda McLymont
Marina Mejia
William Mizger
Cathy Mullings
Francis Nawrocki
Suzanne Nawrocki
Anita Nero
Linda Nettlehorst
Katherine Pawlukiewicz
Nathan Pawlukiewicz
Christine Ratcliffe
Susan Ratterree
C.B. Rebsaman
Nancy Slavkovsky
Ted Thibodeaux
Amy Thompson
Tricia Titus
Lee VanDer Wende
Charles Wasserloos
Donnie Williams
Mark Wood

Take a look at all that you've accomplished:

March 2014

Volunteer Hours Worked	=	4,357
\$ Value of Volunteer Hours	=	\$98,250.35
Pounds of Food Sorted	=	463,514
Meals Provided	=	386,262

April 2014

Volunteer Hours Worked	=	4,334
\$ Value of Volunteer Hours	=	\$97,731.70
Pounds of Food Sorted	=	531,036
Meals Provided	=	442,530

May 2014

Volunteer Hours Worked	=	5,073
\$ Value of Volunteer Hours	=	\$114,346.15
Pounds of Food Sorted	=	529,387
Meals Provided	=	441,156

June 2014

Volunteer Hours Worked	=	4,627
\$ Value of Volunteer Hours	=	\$104,338.85
Pounds of Food Sorted	=	607,627
Meals Provided	=	506,356

July 2014

Volunteer Hours Worked	=	4,982
\$ Value of Volunteer Hours	=	\$112,334.10
Pounds of Food Sorted	=	563,089
Meals Provided	=	469,241



Look what you have done in FY 2013-2014:

***50,200 hours = \$1,132,077 value
18.7 million lbs. distributed
Approx. 15.5 million meals!***

***THANK YOU,
VOLUNTEERS!***

One Order of Beans and Rice... "To Go"



We are always looking for innovative ways to feed our neighbors in need. So, when a couple of our amazing supporters offered to dedicate some of their workspace and manpower to the cause, we saw an exciting opportunity. In May, both Chico's FAS, Inc. and the Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa piloted an opportunity for packing beans and rice. Rather than bringing their employees to our warehouse, we brought the beans and rice to them. The convenience of this on-site approach allowed more employees to participate. For additional information, please contact Tanya Phillips.



Help us receive grants from your employer!

Are you an employee of Walmart, Target, Allstate Insurance or CarMax? Are you a current or retired employee of Bank of America? All of these companies award volunteer grants to the charitable organization you donate your time to. Does your employer provide volunteer grants also? Let us know! Please contact Tanya Phillip for additional information.



PIZZA PARTY!



As the awards season winds down, some of our biggest Rock Stars are enjoying the spoils of their hard work. That's because, after weeks of service and commitment to their shift, some of our brightest stars cashed in. Both the Tuesday morning and afternoon work crews pooled their well-deserved "picks" for some good eats. Our Tuesday morning celebs noshed on a savory spaghetti lunch and our Tuesday afternoon VIPs partied with pizza. Looks like a great time. You guys rock!



September is Hunger



Action Month #HAM

We invite our volunteers to **wear orange** while volunteering at the food bank during September! All month keep up with our Facebook page for more information. Be sure to check-in to earn extra picks (page 6).

You're also invited to share **#helpie** photos (like Bank of America & Rotaract Club took after they volunteered) on our Facebook wall:

www.Facebook.com/HarryChapinFoodBank.





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WANT TO EARN EXTRA PICKS?



Complete an updated information form! We are in the process of updating our records and want to make sure we have your correct information. Please return the completed form to Tanya to receive your pick.



Check in on Facebook anytime during your volunteer shift to receive a pick. No smart phone? No worries! There will be a tablet available for you to use. Remember to bring your log in information.



NEW ON FRIDAYS: Afternoon Shift!

Every Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., volunteers are needed to help process an increasing amount of donations. Volunteers younger than 16 must have an adult volunteering with them. Volunteering will take place in sorting and/or rice and beans rooms only. Please contact Volunteer Manager Tanya Phillips to sign up by emailing her at "tanyaphillips@harrychapinfoodbank.org" or call her (239) 334-7007 extension 141 today!