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**The Harry Chapin Food Bank is looking for a few good volunteers to help feed our neighbors in need**

The Harry Chapin Food Bank feeds 28,000 people per week in Southwest Florida. We are seeking more volunteers to help us in our mission to lead our community in the fight to end hunger.

Volunteer duties can include sorting and packing donations of food at our Fort Myers and Collier County distribution centers, distributing food at mobile pantries, or collecting donations at food drives.

You can volunteer on your own, as a group with a community organization, club, church or school, or with your employer as a group. Some companies match volunteer hours. When you give your time to help our community through volunteering at the food bank, you will get something amazing in return: the feeling that you are personally helping put food into the hands of people who need it.

* Our Fort Myers Distribution Center is at 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers
* Our Collier County Distribution Center is 3940 Prospect Ave., #101 Naples

Please sign up and make a difference in our community!

Visit harrychapinfoodbank.org, click on volunteer, and click on volunteer application.

Or go directly to the application at bit.ly/hcfb-volunteer

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Please note: All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes. Weekday opportunities at HCFB warehouses have a minimum age requirement of 16. Saturday volunteering at HCFB locations have a minimum age requirement of 14, and 14-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult.

**About the Harry Chapin Food Bank**

The Harry Chapin Food Bank, an affiliate of Feeding America, is the leading hunger-relief organization in Southwest Florida. The food bank solicits, collects and stores food for distribution to families and others in need through a network of more than 150 nonprofit agencies in Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties, providing food to about 28,000 people a week.

For every dollar donated, the food bank can provide $8 in food value. In fiscal year 2017-18, The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed 24 million pounds of food and other grocery items, including 6.4 million pounds of fresh produce. The food, valued at $41.5 million, is the equivalent of 20 million meals for people in need.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is also a United Way partner agency.  For more information or to make a donation, call (239) 334-7007 or visit [harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://harrychapinfoodbank.org).

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