



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

VOLUNTEER VIBES

Serving Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties

August 2018

In Melting Heat, Volunteers Assist Summertime Mobile Pantries

With snowbird volunteers back up north, the Harry Chapin Food Bank appreciates our local volunteers at summer **mobile pantry distributions**. "We're grateful they are willing to 'melt' with us and hand out food," said Louise Bain, programs outreach manager.

To date, 18 mobile pantries have taken place in June and 21 in July; about 20 will be scheduled for August. Each two-hour distribution requires 10 to 12 volunteers, who arrive a half-hour early to set up and stay a half-hour after for clean-up.

While each distribution averages 165 to 180 families, more than 200 families went home with food from one mobile pantry at Iglesia Cristiana

Misionera in Lehigh Acres.

Knowing that children are not receiving school meals in summer, the Food Bank tries to provide more "kids friendly" foods, such as ravioli, cereals, fresh corn and peanut butter. And every mobile pantry includes up to three produce items. "We did get watermelon and canteloupe, which the kids really enjoy," Bain noted. "And we always hear a lot of 'thank yous.'"



A busy mobile pantry in Moore Haven

SAVE THE DATES...

- **Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Family Volunteer Day in Fort Myers and Naples.** This fun program shows children how they can help the Food Bank feed those who are hungry in our community.
- **Saturday, Sept. 29: Let's Feed Lee.** Publix Super Markets again partner with the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Volunteers are needed to fan out to Publix locations (hours to be determined). Stores display items most needed by the Food Bank, and volunteers give out a shopping list. Cash donations are also welcome!

To participate in the above events, call Tanya Phillips at (239) 334-7007, ext. 141.

September Is Hunger Action Month...so take action!

5 Steps to Schedule Your Volunteer Shift

It's easy and quick to sign up online to volunteer for the many programs at the Harry Chapin Food Bank, if you follow these directions:

- 1** Log into the volunteer information center, go to <http://www.harrychapinfood-bank.org/>, click on volunteers (top right corner of your screen), scroll down and click on VOLUNTEER INFORMATION CENTER. (Or click: <http://bit.ly/2qjyUKr>)
- 2** The login name is your email address. The password is the password you created when you completed the application. If you did not complete an application in this software, click "I don't have a password" or click "I forgot my password." A link will be sent via email for you to create a password. After you have signed in, you will be at the "Home" page.
- 3** Click on the "My Schedule" tab. This allows you to view current opportunities and your scheduled volunteering by calendar month (on a computer) or by week (on a mobile device).
- 4** When you select a day with the "Help Wanted" balloon, you will be able to see the available opportunities for that day. You can schedule yourself by selecting "Schedule Me" for that opportunity.
- 5** Select "Calendar View" to return to the monthly/weekly calendar. Your scheduled assignment appears on the calendar in black. If you select that day, you can remove yourself by selecting "Remove Me."

TRACKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

(FY 2018 July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018)

Volunteers: 3,839

Collier County hours: 7,415

Mobile pantry hours: 7,932

Total hours: 41,211

Value of volunteer hours: \$1,000,466.64

Pounds packed/sorted: 4,946,212

Total meals: 4,121,843

Your financial support is always appreciated!

Superstar Wall Honors Food Bank Supporters

A **Superstar Wall** at the Harry Chapin Food Bank's Fort Myers and Naples locations will pay tribute to our supporters who:

- Raise a minimum of \$500 for the Food Bank;
- Schedule a volunteer day;
- And set up a food drive, register it with the Food Bank, collect the food and drop it off.

We'll then proudly display your group's T-shirt. Help us fill the space with a rainbow of all your T-shirts! Call Tanya at (239) 334-7007, ext. 141.



Coming up: 'Food For Thought'

This morning tour of the Harry Chapin Food Bank (from 8 to 9 a.m.) is a perfect way for people in our community to learn about how we fight hunger in Southwest Florida. Next ones are set for:

Sept. 25: Fort Myers

Oct. 2: Naples

Call Meg Madzar at
(239) 334-7007, ext. 120
to participate.

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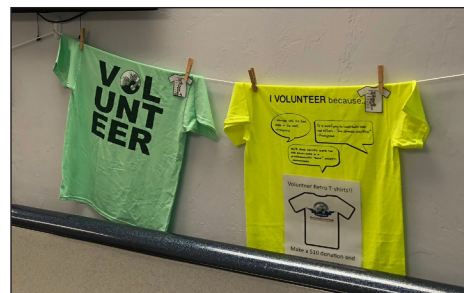


Helping Hands at Agency Conference

The Harry Chapin Food Bank's annual **Agency Conference** in May drew 120 representatives from our partner agencies. They shared new methods to meet the changing needs of families, children and seniors who are food-insecure in Southwest Florida. Volunteers (left) helped check in attendees.

Calling All Volunteers...

For \$10, you can select a "retro" Food Bank volunteer shirt from the past five years — orange, purple, teal, mint green and safety yellow (the last two in photo at right). Choose your favorite! The money will help offset expenses in the volunteer program.



35 Reasons to Volunteer at the Food Bank

Spotlighting the Food Bank's 35th anniversary in 2018

Peggy Farrell-Kidd: "I started volunteering at the Food Bank after moving to Naples in 2016. Most of my work is in the warehouse, sorting and assembling Care & Share packages. For a while I helped deliver those packages. One man was so cute — he would give us a couple of pieces of hard candy in appreciation. It makes me feel good to know I am working for someone less fortunate than I am."



Vel Graham: "A native of Naples, I've been packing food into boxes at the Fort Myers warehouse since 2014. I volunteer once a week for a two-and-a-half-hour shift, and at some mobile pantries. When I see the hurt, the pain, the suffering of others, I feel blessed with what I have. Knowing I'm helping someone makes volunteering so worthwhile."



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