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PHOTO CAPTION: Employees of Suncoast Credit Union volunteered at one of Harry Chapin Food Bank's recent distributions in Golden Gate, where 300 families experiencing hunger received food through the nonprofit.

Harry Chapin Food Bank receives \$25,000 gift for Hunger Action Month
Suncoast Credit Union's donation helps provide thousands of meals

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Oct. 9, 2025) – Harry Chapin Food Bank, the largest hunger-relief organization serving Southwest Florida, announced it received a \$25,000 gift from Suncoast Credit Union in honor of Hunger Action Month. The gift will help provide thousands of meals to children, families and seniors struggling with food insecurity, offering critical support at a time when the need remains high across the region.

In addition to this donation, Suncoast Credit Union also sponsored Harry Chapin Food Bank's distribution at the Golden Gate Community Center on Sept. 17 in Naples. With the help of Suncoast Credit Union employee volunteers, the event provided nourishing food for 300 families in need. Together, Suncoast Credit Union and the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation have provided \$434,500 in support since 2010, thereby strengthening Harry Chapin Food Bank's community work.

"We are grateful for Suncoast Credit Union's continued partnership in the fight to end hunger," said Richard LeBer, president and CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank. "Too many of our neighbors are struggling with tough choices between food and other essentials like housing, health care and child care. This gift helps us meet those needs head-on, offering hope and stability to families who deserve better."

"Suncoast Credit Union is an organization that invests not only their time, but also their talents and financial gifts in the fight to end hunger," added Ann Prifrel, chief development officer of Harry Chapin Food Bank. "We are truly grateful for their continued partnership and the impact they are helping to create for families across Southwest Florida."

Suncoast Credit Union, Florida's largest credit union, founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to promote the education, health and emotional well-being of children in the community. Every time a Suncoast member uses their debit or credit card, the credit union donates two cents to the Foundation to fund local initiatives. Since 1990, the Foundation has invested more than \$55 million back into the communities it serves.

"Food and nutrition are a basic need for all, and our mission calls us to improve the lives of our members and the communities we serve," said Bob Hyde, vice president of community impact at Suncoast. "We cannot underscore how important it is that we all do what we can, knowing that good nutrition is the cornerstone of health and well-being. We encourage all who can to support the work of the Harry Chapin Food Bank to help alleviate food insecurity."

Hunger Action Month, established by Feeding America in 2008, sheds light on the 44 million Americans – including 13 million children – who are food insecure. In Southwest Florida alone, more than 177,000 people, including 41,000 children, face hunger.

Harry Chapin Food Bank invites the community to be part of the solution. Whether through volunteering, hosting a food drive or making a financial contribution, every action makes a difference. Just \$1 can provide food for two healthy meals. To learn more or get involved, visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

About Harry Chapin Food Bank

Harry Chapin Food Bank, a Feeding America partner food bank, is the largest hunger-relief organization in Southwest Florida and serves 300,000 neighbors monthly through its Feeding Network of 175 agency partners. In 2024, the nonprofit distributed 39.5 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 32 million meals, at food banks and mobile pantries across Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. The food bank is privately funded and receives support from individuals, businesses, foundations, grocery stores and food distributors. Harry Chapin Food Bank is an Agency Partner of United Way and a Blueprint Partner of the Naples Children Foundation, rated as a Four-Star Charity by Charity Navigator and Platinum-rated by Candid's GuideStar. For more information, please visit HarryChapinFoodBank.org or call 239-334-7007.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the 8th largest in the United States based on membership, and the 10th largest in the United States based on its \$19.0 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 78 full-service branches and serves more than 1.3 million members across Florida. As a community credit union, anyone who lives, works, attends school or worships in Suncoast Credit Union's service area is eligible for membership. In 2021, Suncoast Credit Union's field of membership was expanded to include public K-12 teachers, college educators and educational support staff from all of Florida's 67 counties. Suncoast is passionate about community support. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$55 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit suncoast.com or follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#).

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