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Harry Chapin Food Bank flips the script to support United Way

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Jan. 12, 2026) – Harry Chapin Food Bank, which has been generously supported by United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades for many years, turned the tables by hosting a series of grass-roots fundraising events to support United Way programs and services.

Employees and volunteers at Harry Chapin Food Bank, the region’s largest hunger-relief organization and a longtime partner agency of United Way, participated in a series of fun, team-bonding events to raise money for United Way. Fundraising opportunities included drenching their bosses in a dunk tank, indulging in ice cream and guessing how many pieces of candy were in a jar. Employees also participated in a Halloween costume contest, with awards given for funniest, scariest, best food-inspired and best DIY costumes.

All told, the initiatives helped raise over \$7,000 to support United Way, which works with 92 partner agencies across Southwest Florida, including Harry Chapin Food Bank. United Way assists the local human service network that provides essential services – from food security and healthcare to education and crisis response.

“For many years, United Way has generously supported Harry Chapin Food Bank and our mission to lead this community in its fight to end hunger,” said Harry Chapin Food Bank President and CEO Richard LeBer, who was one of three members of the leadership team who agreed to be dunked in exchange for donations. “Our employees and volunteers recognize the power of giving and the collective impact of our donations on the neighbors who need our support.”

About Harry Chapin Food Bank

Harry Chapin Food Bank, a Feeding America partner food bank, is the largest hunger-relief organization in Southwest Florida. In 2025, the nonprofit distributed 38.7 million pounds of food through its agency partners, mobile pantries, mobile markets and programs for local children and seniors. The nonprofit serves nearly 300,000 neighbors per month across Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Harry Chapin Food

Bank is an Agency Partner of United Way, 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.

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