

Harry Chapin Food Bank of southwest florida

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OUR MISSION

To overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with our affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.

OUR HISTORY

eyda stood in line with her 2-year-old son, Oscar, and daughter Fatima, 4, waiting for bags of fresh produce, meat and bread. They were at a mobile pantry in Collier County because Leyda's husband does not earn enough money picking tomatoes to get the family through the week. "The best part about this mobile food pantry is that my kids can get food that I can't usually buy for them," Leyda said. And sometimes it includes a treat.

"To see them get so emotional and happy about Oscar Mayer hot dogs, that we usually have to say 'no' to, because we can't afford them, is probably one of the best things the food bank has done for us," Leyda said.

Since 1983, the Harry Chapin Food Bank has served children like Oscar and Fatima—our neighbors in need.

The food bank has evolved over the years from collecting and providing canned goods

and other nonperishable food to a vital community-supported organization that serves many of our most vulnerable neighbors.

In 1994, we moved into a small Fort Myers-based warehouse and changed our name to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida in honor of the late singer, anti-hunger advocate and friend of one of our founding members, John Poelker.

In 2008, at the start of the Great Recession, we expanded our reach even more. We moved into a 50,000-square-foot warehouse in Fort Myers, and began collecting food from farmers and retail stores to provide fresh fruits, vegetables and frozen meat. We also launched a mobile food pantry program in Collier County with the support of the Naples Children and Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. In 2012, we opened a warehouse in Naples to serve Collier County clients more directly.





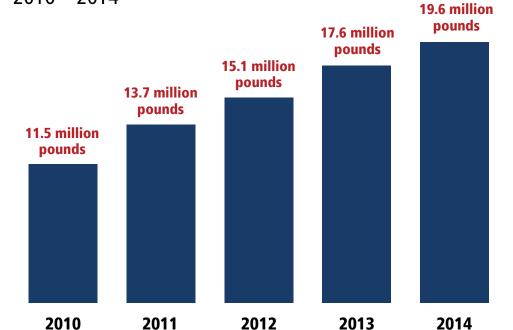
"To know is to care.
To care is to act.
To act is to make a
difference."

— Harry Chapin, the late singer, hunger-relief advocate and Congressional Gold Medal recipient



TOTAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

All 5 Southwest Florida Counties: 2010 – 2014



The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed 19.6 million pounds of food and other grocery items, including 6.8 million pounds of fresh produce, throughout Southwest Florida. Valued at \$33.7 million, this food equals approximately 16.3 million meals for people in need.

he Harry Chapin Food Bank serves Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Each month, we help feed about 30,000 children, seniors and other Southwest Floridians through a 150 partneragency network that operates soup kitchens, pantries and other feeding programs.

Our clients are people who you would not think struggle to put food on the table. They are our neighbors, our coworkers, the little boy in your child's classroom and the older couple you see sitting at the bus stop outside your gated community.

- 40 percent of our clients are children.
- 10 percent of our clients are seniors.
- 63 percent of client households lack consistent access to and adequate amounts of nutritious food.

"The food is important,"
Maria said during a mobile
pantry at Eden Park Elementary
in Immokalee. "The food my
husband buys isn't enough,
and by the middle of the week,
we run out." Almost 500 people
were served during the mobile
pantry that she attended,
including 260 children.

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WHAT WE DO: FRESH PRODUCE



truck pulls into the parking lot. The driver and volunteers open the truck's rolling side doors and unpack the boxes and bags of rice, beans, fresh corn and peppers on to tables. A few yards away, a line of 300 families stretches down the parking lot. Babies

NAPLES CHILDREN

in strollers and young children standing with their parents or grandparents wait patiently as groups of

them are waved up to the truck for food. Thanks to the support of the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), all these families will receive the food they need to help them through a few days or even longer.

A mobile pantry, one of the Harry Chapin Food Bank's most popular, cost-efficient programs, can distribute approximately 9,000 to 11,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food—the equivalent of 7,500 to 9,170 meals. Between 200 and 300 families can be served per pantry.

NCEF, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, recognized the need to fight childhood hunger in Collier County and generously decided to begin supporting the mobile pantry program in 2010. Each week, because of NCEF's commitment, mobile pantries provide food to children and their families in Immokalee, Golden Gate and greater Naples. In fact, as a result of NCEF's partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Bank, almost 3.6 million meals have been distributed in Collier County.

MOBILE PANTRIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

3.5 million

Pounds of food provided to children and families throughout Southwest Florida through mobile pantries last year



"It is so very important to me and my family that Harry's legacy continues. We have all worked in donating our time and resources to this cause. Harry would be proud of your work and my family joins with me to thank you for all the good work that you do."

- Sandy Chapin, Harry Chapin's widow



Seven-year-old Adrian realizes how vital the food she and her family receive is to them. "Food is very important," said Adrian, who dreams of becoming a nurse one day. "It's just as important as sleep." When she's hungry, she said, her "stomach feels weird, but amazing when I get to eat."

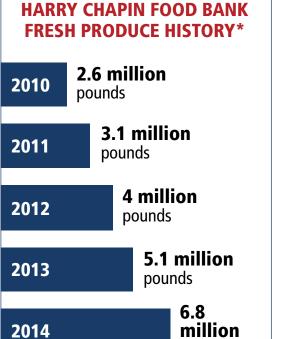


T's a simple fact: Children in households with limited or no access to fresh, L nutritious food struggle to grow and learn. They are more likely to become sick, miss school and fall behind. That's why the Harry Chapin Food Bank has made such a big push to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the youngest among us who are at risk in our community.

We acquire fresh produce through various sources including:

- Local growers and packing houses.
- The Florida Association of Food Banks.
- ▶ Sister food banks in the Feeding America network, the nation's largest anti-hunger organization.
- Local retailers.

The Fresh Produce Rescue program provided children and families in Southwest Florida with 6.8 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables last year. Clients in Collier and Lee counties received 1.1 million and 4.2 million pounds of that produce, respectively.



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*All 5 Southwest Florida counties

pounds

WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS



ome 133 billion pounds of edible food almost one-third of America's foodgoes to waste, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates. Thanks to the support of area supermarkets and retailers, the Harry Chapin Food Bank saves millions of pounds of food in Southwest Florida.

Each week, the food bank collects and distributes frozen meat, dairy products, produce and nonperishable donations from Publix Super Markets, Walmart, Target, Winn-Dixie and other retailers. These contributions from about 140 stores throughout Southwest Florida totaled 39 percent of all the food distributed last year.





"We are thankful for the service the **Harry Chapin Food Bank** provides to the community, and proud that **Publix has donated more** than 170,000,000 pounds of food to **Feeding America and its** agencies since 2009."

> - Brian West, Publix spokesman

BY THE NUMBERS

7.8 million pounds

Total amount of food donated by grocery stores and retailers in Southwest Florida

3 million pounds of that food

– or 2.5 million meals – came from stores in Collier and South Lee counties



PARTNER AGENCIES

SOUTH LEE COUNTY

- ▶ Bonita Springs Assistance Office, Inc.
- ▶ Catholic Charities of Bonita Springs
- ▶ Interfaith Charities of South Lee
- ▶ Liberty Youth Ranch
- ▶ The Salvation Army



COLLIER COUNTY

- Amigos Center
- ▶ Avalon Elementary School Pantry (North Naples United Methodist Church)
- ▶ Bethel Assembly of God
- ▶ Catholic Charities Family Resource Center
- David Lawrence Center
- ▶ Everglades Community Church
- First Christian Church of Naples Disciples of Christ
- ▶ First United Methodist Church of Immokalee
- ▶ Guadalupe Social Services
- ▶ Grace Place for Children and Families
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity
- ▶ Helps Outreach
- ▶ Integrity Church Naples
- ▶ Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida
- ▶ Meals of Hope
- ▶ Mike Davis Elementary School Pantry
- Mision Peniel
- ▶ NAMI of Collier County
- ▶ New Hope Ministries
- Noah's Ark
- ▶ Parkside Elementary School Pantry (North Naples United Methodist Church)
- ▶ St. Matthew's House
- ▶ St. Vincent de Paul
- ▶ The Salvation Army
- ▶ Tree of Life Church Youth Haven

→ he Harry Chapin Food Bank works with about 150 Southwest Florida partner agencies that operate soup kitchens, pantries, after-school feeding sites and other programs that feed children and families in need. Our partner-agency network helped us provide about 16.3 million meals last year. We partner with more than 25 organizations in Collier and South Lee counties.

"Our mission at Grace Place is to provide pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. We believe that by meeting the basic need for nourishment and health. through our Friday Food Pantry, we are providing a crucial resource for strong mental and physical development, which is essential for effective learning. We are proud to be in partnership with Harry Chapin, as we could not feed the roughly

> - Dr. Tim Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer. Grace Place for Children and Families

2,000 families we serve a year

without their support."

THE FOOD COMES FROM...



GROWERS

Farmers donate fresh fruits and vegetables that do not make it to grocery stores and other markets.



PRODUCERS

The food manufacturing industry donates food to Feeding America, which then distributes the food to its nationwide network of 200 food banks.



DISTRIBUTORS

Food distributors transport donations to the food bank. Donations often are from throughout Florida, elsewhere in the country, or as far north as Canada.



RETAILERS

Supermarkets and retail stores throughout Southwest Florida donate dairy, meat, fresh produce, bread and other food.



COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES

Businesses, community organizations, schools, churches and other supporters collect canned food and other nonperishables through food drives.

HOW THE FOOD BANK WORKS



Low-Income Families Single-Parent Families Abused Women & Children **People Living with AIDS Working Poor Natural Disaster Victims** Homeless

THAT PROVIDE FOOD TO **OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

... AND IS DISTRIBUTED TO PARTNER AGENCIES...



FOOD PANTRIES



SOUP KITCHENS



CHILDREN'S FOOD PROGRAMS



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS



HOMELESS SHELTERS



AIDS PROJECTS



SENIOR PROGRAMS

OUR ADDRESSES

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WHY I GIVE: DIANA 'DEE' McCLAY





T t's a jarring fact that Southwest Florida's ▲ wealthiest county is also one of the areas of highest need for emergency food. In Collier County, 12.5 percent of residents – or about 41,000 people – don't know where their next meal will come from, according to Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap" study. What's more, 24.5 percent of children younger than 18 go hungry.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank opened a warehouse

in greater Naples in 2012 to further support food distribution in Golden Gate, Immokalee and other Collier communities in need. The

BY THE NUMBERS

15,340

Number of Collier County children who often don't know where their next meal will come from

41,090

Number of Collier County residents who often don't know where their next meal will come from

SOURCE: Feeding America "Map the Meal Gap"

warehouse was pivotal to the food bank's ability to increase food distribution by 19 percent last year.

Our goal is to distribute at least 3.4 million pounds of food – about 2.8 million meals - in Collier County in 2015. This will be possible because of the growing activity at the warehouse and because of a new refrigerated truck donated by the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine

Festival. The truck delivers food to partner agencies and picks up donations from Collier grocers and retailers.



Our Collier County Staff

Karole Davis,

Collier County engagement manager, is a long-time Naples resident with a strong background in community engagement.

Todd Lewis,

Collier County volunteer coordinator, works with volunteers by sorting and packing food for distribution.

Roger Redfield,

Collier County driver/warehouse associate, prepares and delivers agency food orders.

Collier Action Committee Members

This group of community volunteers advises the food bank on Collier County-related issues.

P. Keith Scoggins, Jr. **Board Chairperson**

William M. Dillon

Committee Chairperson

Rich Dahn

Joe Davidow

Betsy Dawson

Gary Gardner Gordon Maltemp

Joe Manhart

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Renee Porter-Medley

Carolyn Tieger

Jaime Weisinger

Gail Williams



iana "Dee" McClay and her late husband, Speed, first became involved with the Harry Chapin Food Bank almost 20 years ago when they retired and moved to Southwest Florida from Pittsburgh, where Speed McClay operated a food brokerage company and served on the local food bank's board of directors.

Drawn to Harry Chapin's mission to feed those in need, the McClays supported the food bank as it transitioned from a small organization to one that today provides millions of pounds of food to children, working-poor families and others.

"That's one of the most basic needs we have is nourishing our families," Dee McClay said. "There's certainly enough food in the United States. There's no way a child should go hungry."

Speed McClay eventually served on the food bank's board of directors. Since his death in 2005, Dee McClay has continued to support the food bank and has seen it respond to community emergencies such as Hurricane Wilma and the Great Recession.

"Being able to give is such a good feeling," she said of her philanthropy. "I guess you'd like people to know that you care."



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HOW YOU CAN HELP: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

HOW YOU CAN HELP: VOLUNTEER





"What an honor and privilege it is to serve as co-chairs of the Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope Capital Campaign. We are pleased to announce, through the generosity of our donors, we have raised more than \$3.5 million and are well on our way to our goal of \$5.1 million. Thank you to our current and future donors for supporting our efforts to bring this campaign to a close by April 2016. We can't do it without you!" – Jo Anna Bradshaw and David Fry, capital campaign co-chairs

→ he Harry Chapin Food Bank's Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope Campaign offers donors the opportunity to have a long-lasting impact on hunger in Southwest Florida. Our goal of \$5.1 million will allow us to complete the purchase of our Fort Myers warehouse, expand our truck fleet, upgrade refrigeration systems and make other improvements.

A successful campaign will save our food bank more than \$15,000 every month. This will help us to secure and distribute more than \$1 million worth of additional food annually for our neighbors in need.

Since 2007, the number of children and families seeking help from the Harry Chapin Food Bank has more than doubled. We often hear stories of families who are facing very difficult times through no fault of their own: Children going to school hungry, seniors getting by on fixed incomes, working-poor families forced to make tough decisions between feeding their families and paying their bills.

DONATE TODAY!

Help us reach our goal by making a direct donation to the capital campaign on the food bank's website: harrychapinfoodbank.org/capital-campaign/



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HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND LEARN MORE

- ▶ Host a food drive.
- Sort and pack food at our Naples or Fort Myers warehouse.
- ▶ Help at a mobile pantry or other off-site event.
- Tour the food bank.



WHO ARE OUR VOLUNTEERS

They are people who want to make a difference by helping feed our neighbors in need. They are people like you.

In 2014:

- More than 3,000 people volunteered with us.
- Collectively, they provided 52,653 hours of service.
- ▶ That's more than \$1,187,000 in in-kind service.

CONTACT US TO DONATE, VOLUNTEER OR SCHEDULE A TOUR

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HOW YOU CAN HELP: EMPTY BOWLS, NAPLES





Tf you have an appetite for giving back, Empty Bowls Naples 2016 offers the unique Lopportunity to fight hunger in your community by eating a simple meal of soup and bread.

The 10th annual event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 23 in Cambier Park to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

About 2,000 handcrafted ceramic bowls are created throughout the year by artists, educators, students and volunteers for this signature event. The bowls are displayed at the park in a rainbow of colors and designs. Guests donate \$15 and select a bowl, which they can then use to sample an array of soups prepared by area chefs and restaurants.

The event also features a silent auction, pottery demonstrations, live music, and the opportunity to paint bowls.

Attendees keep their bowls as a reminder of those in the community who often go hungry.

Empty Bowls Naples is part of an international grassroots project to raise money and awareness to fight hunger through arts and education.

The local event was started by Donna Torrance, a pottery teacher at Barron Collier High School.



Volunteer Betsy Dawson has organized and led the event in recent years. "Volunteering for Empty Bowls and providing food to families is important to me because as my father always said, 'to live in a community we must give back to that community," she said.

The Naples event raised a record-setting \$65,000 in January, enabling the Harry

Bowls" with a \$50 contribution. The money helps cover the expense of making, painting and firing the bowls, as well as supporting local artists who give of their time, talent and facilities.

In return for becoming a friend, you receive admittance to the event, your choice of a handcrafted ceramic bowl from an exclusive "Friends" table, a commemorative miniature bowl, name recognition and invitations to all Empty Bowls workshops.

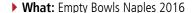
- downtown Naples
- ▶ Cost: \$15 donation
- ▶ **Information:** Call Joyce Jacobs at 334-7007, ext. 130, or visit emptybowlsnaples.org.



Chapin Food Bank to distribute \$360,000 worth of food to Southwest Floridians in need.

You can also become a "Friend of Empty

IF YOU GO



▶ When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

▶ Where: Cambier Park, 755 Eighth Ave. S.,

PLEASE JOIN US

NOW THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

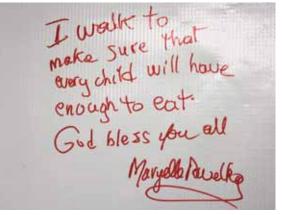


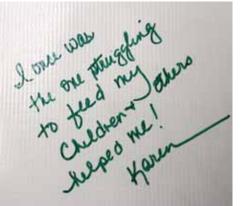
▶ Publix Super Markets is once again supporting the Harry Chapin Food Bank through the "Food for Sharing" food drive. Publix customers can help the food bank and ensure that our neighbors in need receive food for the holiday by purchasing a bag of food at any Publix in Southwest Florida.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 2015

▶ 8th Annual WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk at 9:30 a.m. Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, in Estero. Get your company, club and community involved. Become one of our dedicated sponsors or form a team and register today at harrychapinfoodbank.org.







HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help the Harry Chapin Food Bank by volunteering, making a donation and learning more about how hunger touches so many children and families in Collier and Lee counties.



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WHY DONATE TO THE **FOOD BANK**

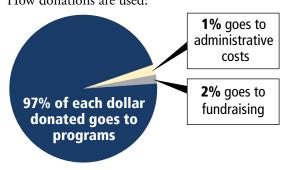


We are worthy stewards of your support. Charity Navigator, the national nonprofit watchdog organization, recognizes the Harry Chapin Food Bank as a 4-star organization. Metrics

include accountability, efficiency, transparency and cost effectiveness.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

How donations are used:



WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN DO

We can take each \$1 you donate and provide \$6 in food value.











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