



Feeding Hope: Advancing Food Security and Community Health

Even in a county known for its abundance, far too many of our neighbors continue to struggle with hunger. In Palm Beach County, **nearly one in eight residents**, or more than 192,000 people, experience food insecurity, unsure where their next meal will come from. Among children, that number rises to almost **one in five**, a sobering reminder of how deeply this crisis touches local families.

Rising living costs, food prices, and economic instability have widened the gap for households already on the edge. At the same time, uncertainty around federal nutrition funding threatens to deepen these challenges. As pandemic-era relief measures have faded, local food banks and community partners are serving more people with fewer resources.

Food is foundational to health. **Access to nutritious, reliable food shapes every aspect of well-being and is a core social determinant of health**, influencing chronic disease, child development, and overall quality of life. Addressing food insecurity is essential to building healthy, resilient communities.

Our partners are not only distributing meals but also improving access, restoring dignity, and creating pathways toward long-term health and opportunity. As a foundation, we remain committed to supporting and amplifying their work, helping to build a healthier, more equitable community — one meal, one neighbor, one partnership at a time.

The following pages showcase the meaningful ways our partners are helping ensure every neighbor has access to the food and care they deserve.

2023 Food Insecurity In Palm Beach County, Florida

FOOD INSECURE POPULATION IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

192,410



FOOD INSECURITY RATE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA



ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA



42% Above SNAP threshold

58% Below SNAP threshold of 200%

AVERAGE MEAL COST IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

\$4.28

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL

\$155,931,000

sourced from *Feeding America's 2023 Map the Meal Gap Study*



IMPACT REPORT

October 2025



Amount Granted: **\$1,250,000**
Grant Term: 12/15/2020- 12/14/2025
Program: Feeding South Florida's
Community Kitchen & Food Distribution

Organization Overview

Founded in 1981, Feeding South Florida is the leading hunger-relief organization serving Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. Guided by its mission to end hunger by providing immediate access to nutritious food, leading advocacy efforts, and transforming lives through education and workforce development, the organization envisions a hunger-free South Florida where families can move from needing assistance to achieving independence.

In Palm Beach County, Feeding South Florida partners with 59 local agencies, including food pantries, faith-based organizations, and community groups, that distribute nutritious food and essential resources directly to families in need.

Funding Impact

The \$1,250,000 five-year funding commitment from Quantum Foundation, initiated in 2020 at the height of escalating community food needs, has been instrumental in strengthening Feeding South Florida's capacity to address food insecurity across Palm Beach County.

Quantum's support has strengthened prepared meal production at the Feeding Palm Beach County Community Kitchen, provided culinary workforce training, and expanded food distribution to families facing hunger across Palm Beach County.





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Through Quantum funding from December 2020 through June 2025, the organization has:



Prepared and distributed over **167,000 meals** through **Feeding Palm Beach County Community Kitchen**, more than **201,000 pounds** of food, to **1,122** unique families.



Distributed **106,370,053** pounds of food and reached **1,311,212** individuals experiencing food insecurity.



Trained more than **160 chefs** through the **Culinary Training Program** since its full launch in 2022, building workforce skills and opportunity.



Dixie's story.....

"My name is Dixie Media, and I'm a mom of three beautiful kids. I work three days a week doing cleanings while also taking care of them. With how expensive groceries are right now, it's been tough to make ends meet.

The food we get from Feeding South Florida has been a huge help. It saves us money and makes sure my kids have the meals they need. I'm so grateful for the support, and I just want to thank the volunteers, donors, and everyone who makes this possible. I feel truly blessed and I pray that this help continues so that families like mine can keep receiving the support we need!"



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Established in 1978, CROS Ministries is dedicated to serving individuals and families in need throughout Palm Beach and Martin Counties by addressing food insecurity and promoting community compassion. Through programs like community food pantries, summer feeding sites, and the Gleaning Program, CROS connects resources, volunteers, and local partners to ensure that everyone has access to nutritious food.

Funding Impact

The \$120,000, two-year grant from Quantum Foundation is helping CROS Ministries strengthen its food recovery efforts through the Gleaning Program, which mobilizes volunteers to harvest surplus produce that would otherwise go to waste for distribution across the community.

In its first year of funding:



Engaged **3,707 volunteers** who gathered **460,245 pounds** of farm-fresh food that reached local families facing food insecurity.



Hosted **237 gleaning events** across local farms and fields.



Partnered with **seven growers**, including one new farm, and coordinated with distribution partners to supply recovered produce to local pantries and community feeding programs.

Amount Granted: **\$120,000**
Grant Term: 10/15/2024 - 10/15/2026
Program: Gleaning Program



2025 Impact

January 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025

Community Food Pantries

69,486

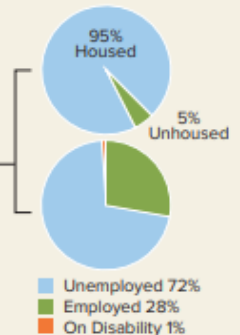
individuals served,
including 27% children
and 12% seniors

3,870

new individuals sought
food for the first time

614,554

pounds of food distributed



Gleaning

460,245

pounds of fresh produce recovered during
the 2024-2025 gleaning season, equivalent to
383,537 meals based on Feeding America's
equation of 1.2lbs of food = 1 meal

Caring Kitchen

23,159

meals served
(Noon Meals and Meals
to the Homebound)

800

meals and after-school
snacks provided to
community partners

9,600

weekend bagged lunches
distributed through partner
Cason UMC

Image sourced from CROS Currents Fall newsletter



HIGHLIGHT

October 2025



Amount Granted: **\$86,587**
Grant Term: 10/15/2025 - 10/15/2026
Program: Healthy Food for Struggling Families in Northwood & Nearby Communities

On Saturday, October 11, **Feed the Hungry Pantry of Palm Beach County, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and Rose Trolley** launched their collaborative *Community Food Distribution*. The monthly events aim to provide consistent access to healthy food for Northwood-area families, with Feed the Hungry managing logistics and food supply, Friendship Missionary hosting the events on-site, and Rose Trolley delivering to those without transportation or homebound. Together, these partners are improving local healthy food access through coordinated, community-driven action.



Coleman Park: Palm Tran Bus Shelters

Palm Beach Venture Philanthropy has entered a new partnership with Palm Tran, officially approved at the October 7, 2025, Board of County Commissioners meeting. This agreement will lead to the installation of two ADA-accessible transit shelters at key locations along Tamarind Avenue and Grant Street.

These new shelters will provide a safer and more comfortable place for passengers to wait for the bus, especially those with disabilities or mobility challenges. The project is part of a shared effort to improve the daily experience of public transit riders and support better access to reliable transportation in the area.

Palm Beach Venture Philanthropy remains focused on supporting practical projects that make a meaningful difference in the Coleman Park community, and this partnership with Palm Tran is an important step in that ongoing work.

