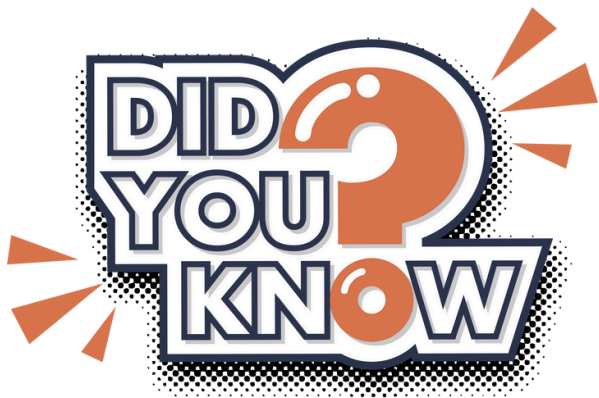


End 68 Hours of Hunger

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An estimated 37,000 children in Hillsborough County are growing up in food-insecure households.



Hillsborough County has a 21.7% food insecurity rate, which is higher than the national average.



Several affluent neighborhoods in Tampa, such as South Tampa (zip code 33629) and Westchase (zip code 33615) where the average household income exceeds \$200,000, have pockets of poverty with children needing food assistance.



The dedicated volunteers of End 68 Hours of Hunger, contribute 500+ hours of service monthly to ensure that children in our community receive the food they need.



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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

We Did It-Together!

Summer is here, and thanks to all our volunteers, we've achieved something incredible.

You've probably heard the saying "It takes a village." At End 68 Hours of Hunger, that couldn't be more true. Our village starts with one central hub (a heartfelt thank-you to Hyde Park Presbyterian Church for donated space) and expands into our school communities—Bellamy, Mendenhall, Mitchell, Oak Park, and Plant. Together, we've delivered over 235,000 meals into the hands—and hearts—of children who would otherwise go hungry.

Just pause and imagine: hundreds of thousands of bags, cans, packets, pouches and snacks. The scale is staggering—and every item made a real difference in a child's life.

This year, we supported over 300 families, from single-child households to families with nine children. Each one felt the impact of your generosity.

Behind this success is a dedicated army of volunteers—over 150 people strong. Some show up weekly, others bi-weekly or monthly, but all give their time with purpose and love. And among them, a remarkable group deserves special recognition: our Pantry Queens. These behind-the-scenes heroes keep everything running smoothly with unwavering dedication. With heartfelt thanks, we honor: Amber Godsey, Julie Johnston, Debbie Parsons, Catherine Pierera, Pam Hazel, Deb Neylen, Judy Felman, Janice Lackey, Laura Phifer, Corrine Harrison, Sibyl Curtis, Anna Orr, and Sandy Kennedy.

To all of our volunteers—Your quiet leadership keeps our mission thriving. Every meal packed, every bag delivered, every child helped—none of it would be possible without this village. We are incredibly grateful, inspired and ready to do it all again.

Let's keep feeding hope—together.

Sandy Kennedy, Janice Lackey and Carol LoCicero
END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER
CO-COORDINATORS

HUNGER HERO WINSTON DuBose



Meet Winston DuBose, the superhero of smiles and snacks! Since our beginning years, Winston has been an enthusiastic champion and devoted delivery volunteer for END 68.

Every week during the school year, he embarks on a 50-mile adventure, round trip, to deliver nutritious food bags to the children in our care. Incredible, right? But that's not all—Winston delivers these goodies with a beaming smile, spreading joy and making everyone he meets feel like a superstar.

Fun Fact: Once upon a time, Winston was the goalie for The Tampa Bay Rowdies!

Talk about a goal-getter!

THANK YOU, WINSTON! You are a true Hunger Hero, saving the day for children in need throughout Tampa.

Thank You The Mary & Bob Sierra Family Foundation



It was a true pleasure to host Gary and Carrie Tilly from The Mary & Bob Sierra Family Foundation at our pantry. Their hands-on participation in packing, sorting, and delivering bags for 81 elementary school children in need was genuinely inspiring. We are also thankful for the foundation's ongoing financial support to End 68 and their sincere interest in our work and methods. The foundation's heartfelt dedication to our mission of assisting children in our community who face food insecurity has been nothing short of transformative. Through their generosity and kindness the foundation is creating a lasting, meaningful impact in the lives of many children. Together, we are helping kids grow, learn and thrive – one meal at a time.



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JOIN OUR TEAM !



**Passionate about
making a difference?**

**Enjoy connecting
with people?**

**We have volunteer
positions open for
the new school year
beginning in August.**

**We'd love to
welcome you to our
team!**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Social Media Team Member



**Packing Team Leaders and
Members**



Delivery Drivers to Schools



**Delivery Drivers
for Warehouse Pick-Ups**



Special Events Team Member



Pantry Restocker

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

**EMAIL US TODAY AT:
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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF NOURISHING SUCCESS

Good nutrition is essential for a child's success, playing a crucial role in brain development, memory, and behavior. Adequately nourished children are ready to learn, grow, and thrive — in school and beyond.

One person, Carol LoCicero, was inspired to make a difference. Thanks to her vision, we are now celebrating the completion of our 10th year helping children in our community.

Our journey began with 1 school and 9 families at Grady Elementary in 2014–2015. By January 2016, we were assisting 42 children across 6 schools. By 2017–2018, we were supporting 97 students in 14 schools. Our impact grew further. In 2020–2021, we aided 238 families and 680 children. By 2022–2023, our program extended to 36 schools.

And this year? We reached nearly 900 students in 35 schools, delivering over 235,000 meals — providing the nourishment that helps every child achieve their potential.

Your partnership makes this possible. Together, we are fighting hunger, fostering learning, and transforming futures — one meal at a time.

Join us in celebrating 10 Years – beginning Oct 10th for 10 days !

OCTOBER						
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SAVE THE DATES!

10/11–10/12 Food Drive Publix Britton Plaza

10/18 Pantry Open House

10/10–10/20 Daily giveaways and
drawings online

10/20 Meals of Hope Packing Event



Stay Tuned for more details and opportunities to sign up on Facebook and on our next Newsletter coming in August



OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS



FEEDING TAMPA BAY

We are thrilled to announce some fantastic news! **END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER TAMPA** is now an Agency Partner with Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB). Your generous donations to End 68 will be maximized through our new bulk purchasing agreement with FTB, allowing us to acquire food at much lower prices. As we prepare for the 2025/2026 school year starting in August, we will be able to provide nutritious food bags to even more children in need. A heartfelt thank you to FTB for helping us in making weekends hunger-free for so many children.

WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!



As the school year came to an end, we were thrilled to provide our children’s families resources to help them access food and other necessities throughout the summer. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends at BayCare, whose support allowed our volunteers to include valuable information from **FindHelp Florida** in each bag, detailing various resource options categorized by zip code. We extend our sincere gratitude to BayCare for their invaluable support. A special shoutout goes to our dedicated volunteers: Amy, Laura, Libba, Elizabeth, Georgie, and Henry, for ensuring that the children of End 68 received this vital information.

This sight of sibling duo **EMMA** and **NOAH** with their radiant smiles while shopping for food to aid the needy children in our care, is truly inspiring. **THANK YOU** both for your compassion and kindness!



We are incredibly grateful to Christina Brannan and her amazing team from Deloitte for rolling up their sleeves to support End 68’s mission. Thanks to their hard work, our pantry is now spotless and organized, and our carts are sparkling clean for use later this summer. We truly appreciate your continued support!

**Scott & Corrine
Harrison**

**Mary & Bob Sierra
Family Foundation**

**Cooper Family
Charitable Fund**

**Jennifer
Wiley**

BayCare Health

**Mike &
Alissa DiBlasi**

**Palma Ceia
Presbyterian Church**

**Osgood & Associates
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**Tampa Food Allergy
Support Education**

**Hyde Park United
Methodist Church**

**Newcomers of
Northwest Hillsborough**

**Hyde Park
Presbyterian Church**

**The First
Presbyterian
Church of Tampa**



**Fortman
Family
Foundation**

At End 68 Hours of Hunger Tampa our mission is to end childhood hunger in Tampa, one school at a time, by providing weekend food bags for these hungry children to take home each weekend of the school year.

Use our QR Code to **DONATE directly to End 68
through PayPal, Credit Card, or Debit Card**



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