

End 68 Hours of Hunger

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10 Years Ago....

Carol LaCiera, our Tampa Founder, was inspired to make a difference after watching a news broadcast with Lester Holt about childhood hunger.

End 68 Hours of Hunger Tampa was born serving children from 8 families at Grady Elementary.

Hyde Park Presbyterian Church donated a small room upstairs to support this new effort to help children in need of food assistance.

The volunteer staff of End 68 consisted of 1 packing team.

Today...

End 68 Hours of Hunger operates from 1 main pantry at Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and 4 satellite pantries at Plant High School, Bellamy Elementary, Mendenhall Elementary and Palma Ceia United Methodist Church, serving 600+ children, with 30+ packing teams and a total of 200 volunteers.



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

It's been a busy and exciting summer for the End 68 Hours of Hunger crew!

We're thrilled to share that our main pantry has officially moved into a new space within Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. The new entrance is now located on the Orleans Avenue side of the building. This move was a small feat—it took a gargantuan effort, and we are incredibly grateful to Anna and Dan Orr, Paul (the HPPC custodian), and the many dedicated volunteers who made it all possible.

Our mission of feeding kids is already in full swing. We're excited to announce the opening of a brand-new pantry at Palma Ceia Methodist Church! Across all our sites, we are currently serving over 600 students every weekend—and we're only in the first few weeks of the school year.

This month marks a major milestone—our 10th Anniversary!

We're celebrating a decade of fighting childhood hunger and honoring the amazing volunteers who have been with us since day one. What started in a small room upstairs at HPPC with just one packing team per week has grown into a movement powered by nearly 200 volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey. Here's to 10 years—and to the many more ahead!

Sandy Kennedy, Janice Lackey and Carol LaCiera

End 68 Hours of Hunger Tampa
Co-ordinators

HUNGER HERO STEVEN ASHWORTH



Say hello to Steven Ashworth, our ray of sunshine and all-around good guy! This cheerful champ has been a Hunger Hero for End 68 since the early days, swooning over our mission to feed hungry kids and going above and beyond to help us rock it. From setting up food collections at his Swann Ave Winn Dixie store to spotting sales, placing orders, and playing delivery hero—even making multiple trips when needed—Steven's been our go-to guy. He's always thrilled to see our volunteers and lend a helping hand. Even after moving to another Winn Dixie, Steven hasn't missed a beat in supporting us. Hats off to you, Steven, for your heart of gold and for caring so much about the kiddos we serve! You are TRULY our Hunger Hero!

A Tremendous Thank You to all of Our Hunger Heroes!

Your unwavering support has been the lifeline allowing us to nurture and care for the most vulnerable children in our Tampa community for **TEN YEARS!**

Your dedication and compassion have touched countless lives and brought hope where it was needed most.

Join us in Celebrating 10 Years beginning October 10th



10 Days of Online Giveaways

October 10th - 20th

Join us on social media for exciting fun and a chance to win fantastic PRIZES!

Facebook: end68hoursofhungertampa
Instagram: @end68_tampa

ELVIS BINGO!



Thank You GFWC Tampa Woman's Club
For ticket purchases:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elvis-bingo-tickets>

PUBLIX FOOD DRIVE BRITTON PLAZA

Saturday, October 11th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 12th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We invite you to visit our table as you enter Publix for your weekly shopping! Here, you can pick up a list of food items requested to help us feed children in need. Please drop off any purchased items on your way out.

Interested in volunteering for a 2-hour shift?
Please email us: Tampa@end68hoursofhunger.org

Food Donation List

- Minute Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Quinoa
- Condensed Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Soft Canned Fruit
- Saltine Crackers
- Individually wrapped Snacks

END 68 Pantry Open House

Sunday, October 26th
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us for a visit and explore our new pantry space located at:
1309 W. Swann Ave
Inside Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
Enjoy refreshments and enter for a chance to win DOOR PRIZES!

OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY

Thank you!

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We are grateful for your commitment to partner with End 68 and Meals of Hope to assemble 10,000 packets, each of fortified meals for the children in our care during October and November. These meals will significantly impact the lives of these children in need, bringing them hope and nourishment.

Discover the amazing difference your group of 20 or more volunteers can make by teaming up with End 68 and Meals of Hope to prepare meals that truly change children's lives. We'd love to hear from you! Feel free to drop us an email at: Tampa@end68hoursofhunger.org.

We appreciate Palma Ceia Methodist Church's extraordinary generosity in donating pantry space and staffing it with dedicated congregation members. This remarkable gesture has created a vital satellite pantry, allowing us to deliver nourishment to even more children in need. Thank you, Palma Ceia Methodist, for supporting our mission in this church-wide initiative. (See below for the Palma Ceia Methodist announcement on their website.)



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We are incredibly thankful to serve as a Mission Partner of Hyde Park United Methodist. This summer, 25 members of the church's Prime Timers Group came together to pack 10,000 fortified meals for the children of End 68. Additionally, these children in need also benefitted from the church-wide Back-to-School food drive. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of the congregants, over 300 bags of food were filled and monetary contributions were made—enough to provide meals for 877 kids for an entire weekend!



We want to extend a warm and sincere thank you to Leland Baldwin and the ROTARY CLUB OF YBOR CITY for your generous support of our mission. Your ongoing involvement through food drives and other wonderful initiatives means the world to us. As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we recognize that reaching this milestone wouldn't have been possible without the compassion and kindness of your members and the amazing people in our community!

We are so appreciative of DRAGONS ON THE GREEN MASH ANNO for featuring End 68 Hours of Hunger at your recent tournament. It was a pleasure to meet everyone, and we truly appreciate the chance to share our mission to combat childhood hunger in our community. Your support for our cause and the generous donation you provided mean so much to us. Thank you!



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| Jennifer Wiley | BayCare Health | Mike & Alissa Diblasi |
| Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church | Osgood & Associates Wealth Advisors | 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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