

LEND A HAND TO THE HUNGRY

Hunger Action Month

September marks the Superbowl of giving back at the **Palm Beach County Food Bank (PBCFB)**. The month known as *Hunger Action Month* welcomes many feel-good initiatives that encourage the community to lend a hand to hungry neighbors.

With approximately 192,000 food-insecure residents throughout Palm Beach County, PBCFB procures food from grocery stores, farmers, food distributors, wholesalers and other sources and distributes it to over 200 local community partners, including food pantries, soup kitchens and schools. During its 2024-2025 fiscal year, PBCFB distributed over 11.7 million meals to over 193,000 residents experiencing hunger. The Food Bank has been honored with several accolades, including the Chamber of the Palm Beaches Health and Human Services Organization of the Year and the Community Collaborator Award at the 8th Annual Nonprofits First Hats Off Awards.

"This month is a special, but sobering time as we see the increasing need to help our neighbors here in Palm Beach County," said **Jamie Kendall**, PBCFB CEO. "Yet we also have front row seats to bear witness to the generosity and giving spirit of our community. We are excited to see the impact that this month will make and are confident that local residents will answer the call to support our hungry neighbors."

WayFM will be hosting its *World's Biggest Food Drive* running through September 23rd where PBCFB will be one of the beneficiaries. Donations can be made at pbcbank.org/way-fm.

Recognizing *Hunger Action Day* on Tuesday, September 16th, PBCFB will be returning with its *Pack to Give Back: Day of 200,000 Meals* in partnership with **The Kravis Center** and catering by **Lessing's Hospitality Group**. The gathering will summon passionate volunteers to package meals for the one in nine hungry residents in Palm Beach County.

Packaged pasta meals will feed a family of up to six people and will be distributed among the Food Bank's more than 200 local community partners. Between 9am and 5pm volunteers can participate in the three available shifts in the Gimelstob Ballroom in the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center. It's free to volunteer and participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

There are several opportunities for participants to do their part on *Hunger Action Day*. Available volunteer shifts include: 9am-11:30am; 12pm-2:30pm; and 3pm-5pm.

"The *Day of 200,000 Meals* is a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we come together," said **Diane Quinn**, CEO of the Kravis Center. "We are honored to serve once again as the presenting sponsor, reflecting our mission not only to inspire through the arts, but also to stand with our community by providing vital resources and support."

For more information or to reserve one or more volunteer slots visit pbcbank.org/Kravis-giveback.

Also on *Hunger Action Day*, September 16th, The Breakers Palm Beach will light up historic Florentine Fountain and two towers orange to raise awareness of the 1 in 8 people in in Palm Beach County who are struggling to put food on the table.

Then between September 20th and 21st, **Stormhouse Brewing** will call for food donations at its celebrated *Oktoberfest* between 5pm and 8pm. While enjoying live music, delicious German-inspired food and handcrafted beers, guests can donate food and/or funds at PBCFB's designated table.

Can't donate or join those occasions? Consider hosting a food drive of your own, donating on the PBCFB website, or wearing orange throughout the month to start the conversation that impacts the community.

For all other *Hunger Action Month* events, or ways to get involved visit pbcbank.org/HungerActionMonth.