

Did You Know?

Hunger In Palm Beach County



Did you know that over 15% of Palm Beach County residents are "food insecure?" This means that over 200,000 people, including 63,000 children, are unsure where their next meal is coming from....not so surprising when you consider that 57% of Palm Beach County students receive free or reduced-price breakfast & lunch during the school year. Although 170,000 families, each month, receive food stamps in our "wealthy" county, they usually run out of these vouchers after 2 weeks..... Plus, in the summer, kids no longer receive free breakfast and lunch so hunger remains a daily challenge for many children.

Fortunately, Northern Palm Beach County has numerous not-for-profit food banks, food pantries and food kitchens providing assistance to food insecure families. These organizations receive donations of surplus meats, fresh fruits and vegetables and non-perishable goods from meat processors, farmers and super-markets. In 2016, your BallenIsles Charities Foundation made grants to five organizations focused on providing food to hungry families:

- **Feeding South Florida** - funding for 27 weeks of their Weekend Backpack Program for 150 children attending the Grove Park Elementary School located on Military Trail just south of Northlake Blvd. Each backpack contains six meals for the child over the weekend.
- **Palm Beach County Food Bank** - funding for a Summer Nutrition Program which distributes weekend food packages to food insecure children attending summer day camps.
- **Feeding the Hungry** - funding to support a monthly food program providing food packages containing meats, fresh produce and non-perishable food items to approximately 600 families. This food pantry is located just 5 miles south of BallenIsles.
- **H.A.C.E.R Ministry** - funding for their food pantry providing food to feed more than 400 families.
- **Palm Beach Harvest** - funding to support their program which collects packaged foods from supermarkets plus leftover prepared foods from supermarkets, restaurants, catering halls and country clubs. Each day, they distribute these items to hungry families in Palm Beach County.

Your BallenIsles Charities Foundation is very proud to support these important organizations *Making a Difference* in fighting hunger in our local community.

This is just one aspect of our efforts. Find out how you can be a part of 2017. Visit us at: www.BallenIslesCharitiesFoundation.org, or call us **561.625.5701** or email us at info@BallenIslesCharities.org to see how you can make a difference!



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