

HARVEST DRIVE'S 26th YEAR OF CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN IN BROWARD SCHOOLS

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"Children Helping Children" remains the theme of the Harvest Drive after 25 years. The children throughout Broward County Schools continue to be the focal point of our activities and most students will be assisting in our efforts. Harvest Drive has 14 distribution sites and all Broward County public schools are invited to participate. Each school has their own method of raising awareness and collecting the non-perishable food from the current need's list.

Harvest Drive's Year-round Goal:

Harvest Drive will be a resource for needy families in crisis for assistance with food and other necessities. Families are referred by Broward County school social workers and social service agencies. Harvest Drive has developed a Helping Hands Food Box Program for the Broward County schools, which the school social workers use all year-round to feed families.

The Thanksgiving Harvest Drive in action:

The Thanksgiving Harvest Drive is a yearlong project that culminates in a charitable event that takes place in the majority of the Broward County Public Schools every November. Students, businesses, churches, and temples conduct drives and supply the Harvest Drive with the non-perishable food, which is then distributed to the families. Community businesses, corporations, civic organizations, Parent Teacher Associations, volunteer organizations, and individual donors have generously sponsored the Harvest Drive by providing money to purchase all perishable foods and gift cards. Various High School clubs collect large quantities of food obtained at neighborhood Publix and Walmart stores during *Harvest Days* throughout the county.

Preparation for the actual distribution day takes place at each host school. This is an effort that entails the participation and coordination of hundreds of students, school personnel, and many community volunteers. All items collected are dropped off at the respective distribution school sites. Volunteers sort, inventory, and label all donations. The non-perishable food items are packed in six to ten overflowing grocery bags per family.

Sponsors and Community Involvement:

Harvest Drive Main Sponsors: Florida Panthers, The Jim Moran Foundation, Children's Services Council of Broward County, Publix Food For Sharing, Publix Supermarket Charities, Top Drawer Media Solutions, Rotary International, Ultimate Software, Memorial Health Care/Joe DiMaggio, Costco, Seminole Hard Rock and Casino-Hollywood, The Horwitz Family Philanthropic Fund, FHV (Freedland-Harwin-Valori), Broward Collision, Arise, A+ Mini Storage-Davie, Two Men and a Truck Fort Lauderdale and 100+ Women who care south Florida. Broward County Schools have partnered with the Harvest Drive in broadening our reach in Broward County. Their efforts coupled with our previous 25 years of reaching out to sponsors have resulted in record numbers of corporate, civic and individual sponsors.

Harvest Drive Sponsors: Acaletics, Action Technologies, ARC Broward, Berlin Foundation, Brad Coren Law, Broward Sheriff's Office-Weston, Carolina Ale House-Weston, Castle Management, Costco - Pembroke Pines, Davie Police Department, Davie and the Ranches Magazine, DJ AHERM, First Service Residential Realty, Huntington Learning Center, In Jacob's Shoes, Ladies for Change-Coral Springs/Parkland, McKee's Tees, North Broward Prep, Our City Davie and Weston Magazines, Parkway Christian School, Pauline M. Weinacht Philanthropic Fund, Picasso Promotions, Posnack JCC—Davie, Publix, The Rotary Club of Coconut Creek, The Rotary Club of Hollywood, The Rotary Club of Plantation, The Rotary Club of Weston, Scott M. Vengel P.A., Soref JCC—Plantation, Sports and Activities Magazine, RSA, Ramat Shalom, Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek, Temple Beth Emet, Temple Dor Dorim, Tijuana Flats-Weston, Trader Joes—Pembroke Pines, Vita Italian Restaurant-Cooper City, Weston Fire Department, Weston Flyers, Winn-Dixie, and The YMCA of Broward County.

The Harvest Drive is honored to have the endorsement of the Broward County School Board and Board of Commissioners, Davie City Council Members, Weston City Commissioners, Weston Chamber of Commerce, Children's Services Council, and the South Florida Hunger Coalition.

Please make this the year you elect to support and participate in this worthwhile, countywide charitable effort so that 'no child goes hungry'. If you would like more information on how you can help, please see the Harvest Drive website at www.harvestdriveflorida.com. Should you know of a family in need of some assistance, kindly contact your school's social worker for detailed information.

The Harvest Drive accepts monetary donations and gift cards.

Checks should be made payable to:

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5190 NW 165th Street, Miami, Florida 33014
All donations are tax-deductible 501c (3)
www.harvestdriveflorida.com

We remain a Volunteer-driven organization staffed by "Worker Bees,"
Students and Community Sponsor.