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Power Outreach Purpose

Our eNewsletter To Help Raise Awareness and Provide Solutions for Ending Hunger and Poverty in South Florida

Summary: The Daily Bread Food Chain

- Daily Bread Food Bank's distribution process, from start to finish.
- How food flows from Daily Bread to more than 800 agencies.
- The many people that benefit from Daily Bread's chain of distribution.

Facts

Miami is the 3rd poorest major city in the United States, with 35% of residents living below poverty level.

The people suffering most from food insecurity and hunger are children and the elderly.

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The Daily Bread Food Chain Delivers

Almost everyone has participated in a food drive at one time or another. But have you ever wondered where your donations go once they're collected? Since most of us are fortunate enough to provide our own food, it's easy for us to forget that hunger is a widespread, daily, and ongoing problem in our communities. And most of us certainly don't realize the staggering effort and extraordinary community support it takes to solicit, transport, warehouse, and distribute the millions of pounds of food that Daily Bread provides to the hungry each year.

Gathering a Harvest

Of course, it all begins by collecting food. While food drives play a big role in the process, they do not provide nearly enough food to serve the needs of the 800,000 people living in poverty in South Florida.

The Flow of Food to the Hungry



So in addition to food drives, Daily Bread also procures food from many other sources including farmers, restaurants, food manufacturers, processors, grocery chains, wholesalers and retailers; they all come together to provide much needed food for those in need.

Since Daily Bread is the South Florida affiliate of America's Second Harvest, we also have access to national donations from across the country. With the support of corporations, foundations, volunteers, businesses, local governments, professional sports teams, special events, and as always, private donations, we are able to support the efforts of 800 other not-for-profit organizations serving those in need by providing food and grocery items and raising awareness of issues of hunger and poverty.

The Daily Bread Food Chain

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All of these sources and many more are necessary to support the efforts of those on the front lines fighting hunger every day in our community.

Distributing the Goods

Once food and other donations are received, the next links in the chain are the distribution centers. Daily Bread Food Bank (DBFB) currently operates four distribution centers, located in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties, and the Reclamation Center in conjunction with Publix Super Markets. Through this facility and the incredible generosity of Publix, DBFB is able provide an additional 4 million pounds of food annually to help feed the hungry. These distribution facilities are the hubs from which our 800 member agencies receive the food and resources to support their programs. By shopping at DBFB, our partner agencies are able to take the dollars they would normally spend on purchasing food and put those dollars back into expanding or enhancing their current programs. Last year, DBFB saved the not-for-profit community over 26 million dollars.

Many Helping Hands

Working with Daily Bread Food Bank's distribution centers, both public and private agencies receive food for programs designed to meet the needs of the hungry in their own communities. Some of these agencies include pantries, day care, assisted-living facilities, youth programs, and soup kitchens, to name just a few. Schools, churches, religious organizations, and charities also do their part by helping to identify and fill the needs of the hungry in South Florida.



And there are truly so many who benefit from Daily Bread's massive food distribution process. The unemployed and working poor, the homeless, battered women, people living with HIV, from the elderly to needy children; all are fed through the efforts and programs made possible by Daily Bread Food Bank and a network of 800 member agencies distributing over 18 million pounds of food annually.

Of course none of this would be possible without the time and donations of the countless volunteers required to continue the fight against hunger. You can help keep Daily Bread's distribution process flowing by donating food, money, or giving the gift of time; and you will make a difference in someone's life!

Kind regards,

Judith Gatti



Judith Gatti
Executive Director
Daily Bread Food Bank

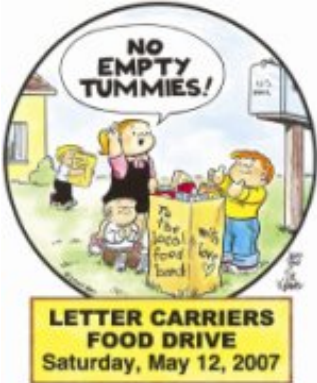
With Your Help



"You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself." Harvey S. Firestone

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there were no hungry children, no hungry people? Of course it would. Did you know that Daily Bread could provide enough food for **six meals with just one dollar**? Now imagine how much good you can do with your contribution. We at Daily Bread need your continued commitment and support in order to keep hunger at bay in our own community. [Donate](#)

NALC Letter Carrier's Food Drive



The 15th annual NALC Letter Carriers Food Drive is set for Saturday, May 12, 2007, and interest is at an all time high. This year, the NALC has a target to raise over one million pounds of food for South Florida! This goal is certainly attainable with community support and with the help of much needed volunteers.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to work at one of the warehouses in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. To join the fight against hunger, please sign up at your agency relations window or contact Daily Bread Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator Natalie White at 305-474-8805. More on NALC Food Drive [here](#).

Backpack Update



The Backpack Program is growing! Through the generous support of the Batchelor Foundation, Daily Bread Food Bank will be launching our second Backpack Program.

On May 1st, the Miami Rescue Mission will begin handing out backpacks full of nutritious foods each Friday to participating children. The program is a safety net for children who are at-risk of food insecurity over the weekend or over holiday breaks. These backpacks are one small step to ending childhood hunger in South Florida. You really can make a difference!

Why Do You Give?



Jennifer Behar

"I feel that having food to eat is the basic right of every human being. In order for a child to learn or an adult to work, they need to have enough food so they will have the energy to thrive. I am so grateful that I can help to feed those who need our assistance and to bring about awareness so others will be inspired to do the same. Getting involved has given me more happiness than I ever imagined and it carries over into my business, my friendships, and my relationship with my daughter. I think I have been blessed with the opportunity to make a difference."

Jennifer Behar is the owner of [Jennifer's Homemade](#) and the newest member of Daily Bread Food Bank's Board of Directors. A devoted philanthropist, a portion of all her proceeds is donated to help end world hunger.

POP Superheroes

We would like to thank the following POP Superheroes that generously donated on line after the third issue of POP.

Jennifer Behar

Charles Davis

Ramon Padron

Elliot Scherker

Samfree Sarante

Phebe Bederman

Nason Goldstein

Charles Davis



Thanks to them, we could provide enough food for an additional **4,776** meals to those less fortunate in South Florida. Become a POP Superhero! [Donate](#)

POP Quiz

What is the percentage of children in Miami that live in homes with incomes below the poverty level?

- A. 42% B. 37% C. 29% D. 24% [Answer](#)

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Daily Bread Food Bank, a not-for-profit organization, empowers other South Florida not-for-profit organizations to feed needy people and improve their lives. We do this by providing food and other grocery products; and by educating and engaging our community to fight hunger and poverty.

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