

FW: January 2024 Hunger Relief Update

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All the latest updates on Hunger Relief in PBC

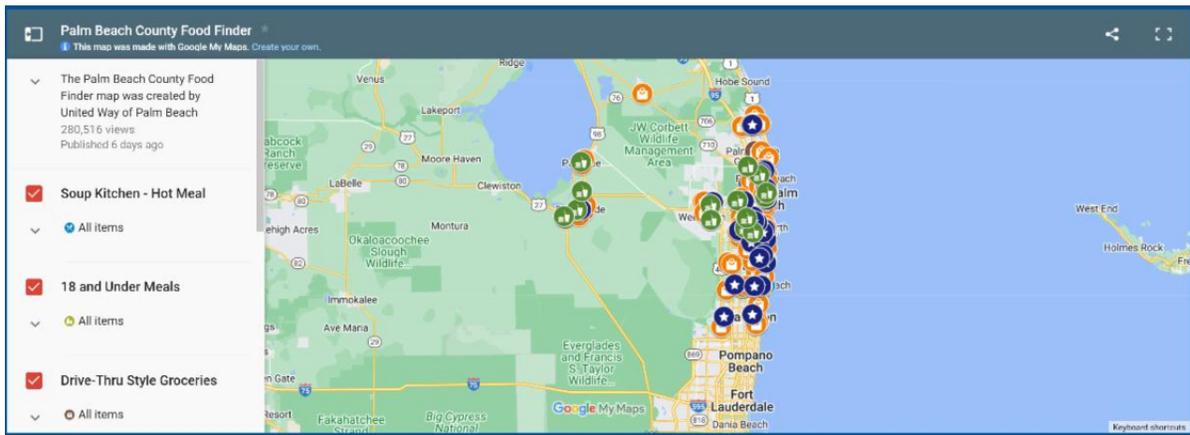


JANUARY 2024

United Way of Palm Beach County's (UWPBC) Hunger Relief Initiative provides you with important news about hunger relief in Palm Beach County. Information is current as of January 24, 2024. Check out what's new and learn about ongoing work below.

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FIND FOOD...



The Palm Beach County Food Finder Map is updated weekly and has been viewed over 325,000 times! Anyone looking for food or helping others find food is encouraged to search locations on the map. You can also get help finding food locations by calling 2-1-1.

A robust food pantry system is the best way to ensure people can access emergency food. Pantries rely mainly on food from local food banks and other donations. Inflation and the end of many COVID-era food programs have decreased contributions and food available through the emergency food system. Support your local food bank and pantry system through [food donations](#).

[View PBC Food Finder Map](#)

FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

NEW Senior Congregate Meal Sites: The Division of Senior and Veteran Services of the Palm Beach County Community Services Department opened two new sites: Greenacres Community Center and Chabad of West Palm Beach. Seniors aged 60 and older are encouraged to dine together in a social atmosphere Monday through Friday. Check with the site prior to attending the program to confirm their service schedule.

[Find senior meal sites](#)

FREE FOOD FOR KIDS AT SCHOOL



Free Meals Available to Students in Palm Beach County: Free breakfast and lunch are provided to all students attending a Palm Beach County public school or a participating charter school.

FREE FOOD FOR KIDS ALL SUMMER LONG!

BECOME A SUMMER BREAKSPOT SITE



Become a Summer BreakSpot (SBS) Site: Children who depend on school meals during the year often miss out on these free, nutritious meals during the summer months. Your support as a SBS site can help close that gap this summer.

Are you interested in becoming a Summer BreakSpot site? If your organization already provides services to the community and has capable staff and experience in managing a food service program, you may be a good fit. Meals are reimbursable through the Summer BreakSpot Program. All new community partners should be prepared to complete training in February.

[Become a SBS site!](#)

FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!



VITA: United Way of Palm Beach County has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide free, confidential, and secure preparation and e-filing of tax returns to qualified taxpayers. To qualify, the taxpayer's household income must have been \$75,000 or less in 2023. You may be eligible for up to \$7,430 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC). Learn more about VITA and access outreach materials below.

[Access VITA resources](#)

2024 FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK



Save the Date!

In the US, approximately 40% of all food grown and produced is never eaten. That's a lot of food wasted that could go to people that don't have access to food. 1 in 5 people lack consistent access to nutritious food, while up to 3 million tons of wasted food goes to landfills annually. Recovered food provides an additional source of nutritious food.

[Learn more about Food Waste Prevention Week](#)

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

PBC Food Bank Volunteer Projects

Volunteer with us at the Palm Beach County Food Bank on Monday, February 19, 2024, to sort and pack food items! You will be a hunger hero as the food you pack will be distributed to thousands of people in our community struggling to put food on the table.



[Register for events](#)

Gleaning Volunteer Project



Gleaning is a food recovery strategy that allows produce to be harvested and distributed to the food insecure instead of being plowed back into the soil. Sign up with CROS Ministries for gleaning opportunities all spring 2024.

[Register for gleaning events](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



**United Way of Palm Beach County (UWPBC)
Job Openings**

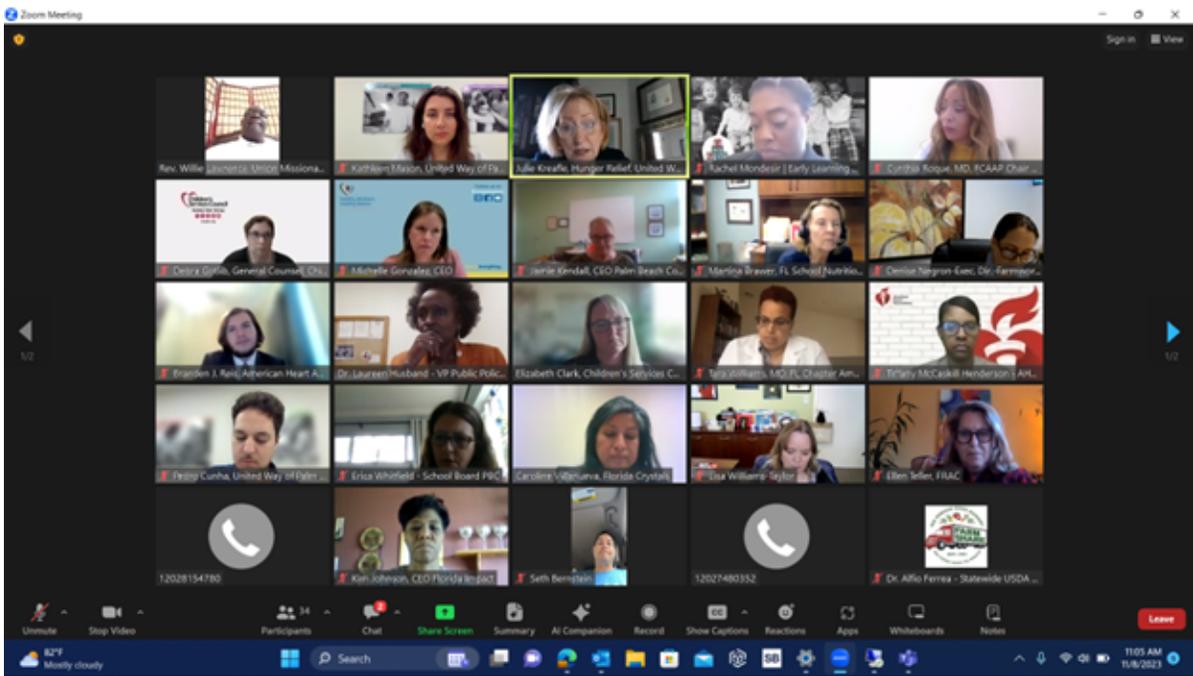
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from our funded partner agencies.

Join our team of dynamic, collaborative, and creative individuals who are driving change in Palm Beach County! We also share job postings

[Check out our job openings](#)

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...





In November 2023, Hunger Relief staff met with congressional representatives to discuss protecting and strengthening the Farm Bill Reauthorization and emergency funding for the Special Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Hunger Relief participated in United Way of Palm Beach County's Holiday Toy and Food Drives through multiple news interviews expressing the need for support. Together, we raised over \$30,000, 10,000 pounds of food, and assisted hundreds of local families.

We ended 2023 by touring several of our partner agencies. Many thanks to The Soup Kitchen, Caridad Center, Guatemalan-Maya Center, and The Salvation Army.

JOIN OUR HUNGER RELIEF WORK GROUPS!

We could not do our work without you! The Hunger Relief Initiative uses the

Collective Impact Model to implement the Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Plan and make sustainable, long-term changes to reduce hunger in Palm Beach County. We do this work through our Hunger Relief Advisory Council and the Council's five work groups and two subcommittees. [Please send us an email to learn more.](#)

[Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Plan](#)

Check out our [new website](#) for more information on Hunger Relief efforts and how to get involved. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime by calling 561-375-6600 or [emailing us](#).

Stay Connected!

A banner for United Way of Palm Beach County. On the left, a young girl with red glasses and a boy are eating lunch. On the right, an elderly woman and a woman are smiling while holding carrots in a grocery store. In the center, a green heart graphic contains the United Way logo and text: "United Way of Palm Beach County" and "12,797,712 Meals distributed to Palm Beach County residents".

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