

# TREASURE COAST FOODBANK

## Nourishing Our Greatest Treasure, Our Community



Each day, Treasure Coast Food Bank works alongside our community to ensure that everyone has access to the nutritious food they need to thrive. Together with our partners, volunteers, and supporters, we are creating pathways to stability and opportunity for our neighbors. This year's impact reflects the strength, compassion, and resilience of our entire Treasure Coast community.

## Impact Highlights



- ➔ **Fueling Communities**  
Supported **300 agency partners** with healthy food and resources across four counties.
- ➔ **Nourishing Our Community**  
Distributed **59 million meals** across the Treasure Coast.
- ➔ **From Fields to Families**  
Shared **15.6 million pounds** of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ➔ **Helping Hands**  
Engaged **13,209 volunteers** who gave **59,440 hours** of service.
- ➔ **Building Resilient Communities**  
Served **20,000 families** through Neighbor Experience programs and case management.

# Update from President & CEO Judith Cruz



**JUDITH CRUZ**  
President & CEO

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## Dear Friend,

Treasure Coast Food Bank belongs to this community — it belongs to you, our neighbors, and the families we serve. Your compassion and commitment remain invaluable, especially as we navigate an economy that continues to challenge so many. Rising food, housing, and transportation costs mean more families than ever are turning to us for help, and thanks to your support, we are there when they need us most.

This past year, our community came together in extraordinary ways. With your partnership, we distributed 59 million meals, including 15.6 million pounds of fresh produce, ensuring families have access to nutritious food despite higher grocery prices and economic uncertainty. Our Neighbor Programs are expanding to meet growing demand — reaching working families, seniors, and children who are struggling to make ends meet.

Our volunteers remain the heartbeat of our work. More than 13,209 volunteers gave 59,440 hours of service, making it possible to deliver food and hope across the Treasure Coast. Their dedication reminds us that even in difficult times, our community's generosity never wavers. We are also entering an exciting new chapter. The new home of Treasure Coast Food Bank. We still need your help to ensure this state-of-the-art space will allow us to respond more efficiently to emergencies, increase access to fresh and nutritious foods, and build programs that promote stability and self-sufficiency for years to come.

While the economic pressures facing families remain significant, the progress we've made together is inspiring. Your partnership allows us to strengthen families, empower communities, and provide hope when it's needed most. With your continued support, we can meet the challenges ahead and ensure a healthier, more resilient Treasure Coast for all. Thank you for standing with us and for being part of this mission. Together, we're doing more than feeding people — we're building a stronger future for our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Cruz".

President & CEO

# Feeding Futures

**“No child can learn when they are hungry,”** says Wendi Bayless Natta, school counselor at Dan McCarty Middle School. After years in classrooms as a history teacher, academic coach, and now counselor, Wendi saw a clear need. Students were asking to take food home because lunch might be their only meal. Wendi learned about the Food Bank’s School Pantry Program and now manages a year-round School Pantry at Dan McCarty.

Pantries are filled with food, hygiene and school supply essentials. Shelves hold items like proteins, vegetables, and kid favorites - mac n cheese and apple sauce. Wendi tells us at their pantry, deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products are among the most requested items.

**“The pantry has been a lifesaver for so many of our families,”** Wendi says. **“It is about dignity, making sure students know someone cares about them.”** Students often stop by for more than groceries, finding a safe space to receive personal support that improves their attendance and engagement.

**“I want every child who needs help to know where to go.”**



Wendi

Our **20+** programs and **300** agency partners serve thousands of children, families, and seniors every year, ensuring that neighbors of all ages have the support they need to thrive.

# Nourishing Hope



Each Tuesday, members of the Fort Pierce Police Department volunteer to spend time with local children, during an afternoon centered on play, confidence-building and healthy food. At a neighborhood park, kids can enjoy meals provided by Treasure Coast Food Bank Agency Partner, Sarah’s Kitchen.

Around 90 children, ages 3 to 18, take part each week. The organization works to offer a wide variety of meals, giving the kids opportunities to try new foods and build healthier eating habits.

The consistent police presence provides a safe, welcoming space the kids can rely on throughout the year, strengthening trust and connection within the community. Officer Angela Brathwaite shared that this event is changing lives. **“Seeing the kids become adults and come back around to help in the community, and kids looking up to them,”** she says.

**“This is important for the kids to see that things can get better.”**





Programs like these are fostering stronger, healthier communities along the Treasure Coast every day.

# Together We Can End Hunger

Treasure Coast Food Bank is approaching an exciting milestone as we prepare to move into our new home. This isn't just a building—it's a solutions-based center, an incubator for innovation that reflects the strength and growth of our community.

With expanded space and enhanced capacity, we'll be able to broaden our services, deepen our impact, and serve more neighbors than ever before. Together, we're building a stronger, healthier future for the Treasure Coast.



-  20% Increase in Partnerships
-  76% Increase in Food Distribution
-  50% in Volunteer Services
-  50% Increase in Job Training Efforts

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### SUPPORT & REVENUES

#### Support

Capital Campaign Revenue	\$7,768,543
Grants and Contributions	\$9,929,268
Donated Goods and Services	\$45,893,269
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$63,591,080</b>

#### Revenues

Other Revenue	\$6,336,541
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$6,336,541</b>
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$69,927,621</b>

### EXPENSES

#### Program & Supporting Services

Program Expenses	\$59,041,233
General Admin & Management	\$972,039
Fundraising	\$450,618
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$1,422,657</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$60,463,890</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$9,463,731</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

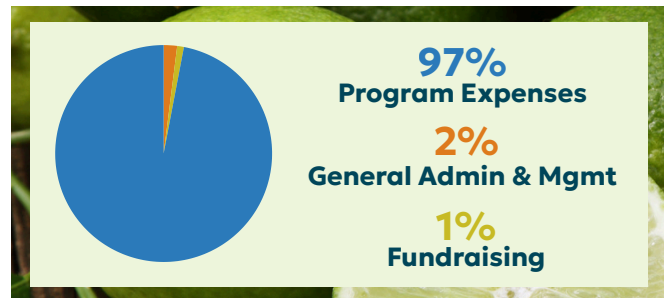
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$48,195,133</b>
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#### Liabilities

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$22,208,178</b>
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#### Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$21,052,042
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$4,934,913
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$25,986,955</b>
<b>Total Liability Net Assets</b>	<b>\$48,195,133</b>



**OUR MISSION:** To alleviate hunger by obtaining and distributing food and other essentials in Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties.