Our Mission

Our mission is to alleviate hunger by obtaining and distributing food and other essentials in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

Our vision is a hunger-free Treasure Coast.

To Our Friends,

In 2012, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed more than 8 million pounds of food throughout the Treasure Coast. That’s 6.7 million meals to hungry people in our community, and four times more than just four years earlier.

It’s a sign that there is more hunger on the Treasure Coast than we previously found and that many continue to be excluded from what is seen as the beginnings of an economic recovery.

2012 was a milestone for Treasure Coast Food Bank not because we celebrate the record amount of food we’ve delivered but because we implemented several innovative programs to address hunger differently.

We began School Pantries that complements our successful Backpack Program in partnership with several local schools. It’s a way to feed more than one child in families who struggle to put food on the table. A parent can select items at their child’s school for the entire family.

We launched our Your Plate Health & Nutrition Education program in Fort Pierce to help people help themselves out of poverty. Families gather there for healthy cooking classes, financial planning classes and job assistance. We sincerely believe this holistic approach to ending hunger will assist people for a lifetime.

But the reality is that some people always will need assistance. It can happen slowly as an illness saps away a savings account, or it can happen overnight, as was the case for the former employees of Digital Domain.

We are forever grateful that our community recognizes that hunger continues to exist and exhibits compassion for the children, senior citizens and working families who need our help. Your support is crucial to our ability to help those in need.
In 2013, we will commemorate our 25th year of working together to end on the Treasure Coast. As always, our doors are open for you to visit your Food Bank and see firsthand how we are working to overcome the issues of hunger, health and nutrition facing our community today.

Thank you,

Judith A. Cruz
CEO

Fiscal Year Highlights

- Distributed more than 8 million pounds of food and other necessities in one year – a 34% increase.
- Increased distribution of fresh produce by 337% in one year to more than 3,021,613 pounds.
- Provided food and other necessities to more than 100,000 people every week through 200+ Partner Agencies.
- Opened the first Your Plate Health & Nutrition Center in Fort Pierce.
- Initiated the Treasure Coast Hunger Free Community Coalition.
- Expanded Child Nutrition by adding School Pantries to the thriving Back Pack program.
- Partnered with VFW Posts to provide much-need resources to veterans.
- Enhanced Senior Nutrition through Mobile Outreach.
- Expanded the Pet Pantry program to keep furry friends with their families.
- Helped more than 1,500 families qualify for SNAP (food stamps).
- Received more than $1 million in corporate, foundation and government grants based on our proven fiscal responsibility.
Volunteer Numbers for Fiscal Year

- 1129 volunteers donated 12,951.45 hours of their time and talent to assist the Treasure Coast Food bank.

Financial Activity

**Source of Funds ($14,125,183)**

- In Kind Contributions (83.28%)
- Contributions (4.98%)
- Grants (4.56%)
- Fundraising (3.09%)
- Shared Maintenance (4.01%)
- Miscellaneous (0.09%)

**Use of Funds ($13,991,844)**
Ending Net Assets  
$3,493,431

Board Members

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