To Our Friends,

One of the simplest and saddest truths I’ve learned in fighting hunger is that it’s not from lack of food – but lack of our ability to get available food into the hands of those who need it. For the last 25 years, Treasure Coast Food Bank has given sustenance, security, and hope to families struggling with hunger. As the area’s largest hunger relief organization we have the unique capacity and responsibility to meet the challenge of those faced with food insecurity in our community.

Our focus has changed significantly since the first box of food left our doors in 1988. It is more important than ever that we take a holistic approach to fighting hunger, as well as its causes and side-effects. Our “Your Plate” nutrition, health and wellness program teaches people how to budget, how to prepare healthy food and how to find poverty fighting resources. Our goal is to replicate that program in each City we serve.

Today we also understand the link between poor nutrition and obesity, diabetes and educational delays. It is essential that we have enough refrigeration and freezer space, enabling us to distribute more protein, fresh fruits and vegetables, which are essential for a healthy diet that will improve lives and especially improve children’s potential for better learning.

Together with we are feeding more than 100,000 hungry mouths each week on the Treasure Coast. We must do more to harvest every source of available food – even food with a short shelf life. Food that could be processed and frozen allowing us more time to get it into the hands of those in need. By providing more reliable food supplies, building a sustained commitment to hunger relief, and building capacity within our
partner agencies we will mark our steps toward the elimination of hunger on the Treasure Coast. Within this effort, there is a special, essential place for our major donors. Only strategic gifts can bring our efforts to life. But this will only become a reality through the support of visionary donors.

Building these connections will require more efficient means of distribution, better tracking systems, updated equipment, and new expertise for cook/chill system. Treasure Coast Food Bank needs your support to help lay the building blocks for a stronger community. Your commitment to our mission will guarantee the financial security needed to advance the creation of a more capable Food Bank; a center of competency in the fight against hunger in our community.

Together, we can solve hunger.
Fiscal Year Highlights

- **BackPack Program**- Our BackPack Program doubled the amount of nutritious packs of food provided to children to bring home over weekends and holidays, resulting in 71,104 meals for kids in need.

- **School Pantry Program**- The School Pantry Program provided almost 35,000 meals to children and their families, an increase of almost 10% over last year.

- **Summer Food Service Program**- 84,117 meals were provided to children through this program, which aims to help children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months. The Summer Food Service Program increased the number of sites from 4 to 23 and expanded the counties served from 1 to 3.

- **SNAP Outreach Program**- This program, which provides assistance to those applying for SNAP (food stamps), increased the number of applications submitted by 20%. This resulted in $9,190,864 in SNAP benefits and a total of 3,330,023 meals provided.

- **Senior Nutrition**- Providing groceries to low-income seniors for home consumption, our Senior Nutrition Program increased the amount of meals it provides by 33% this year. This allowed us to serve almost 10,000 seniors in need.

- **Mobile Pantry Program**- Our Mobile Pantry Program increased the amount of fresh and healthy food provided to people with living in underserved areas by 33%, resulting in 1,641,028 meals in our community.

- **Diaper Pantry Program**- Launched in December 2013, this program provided 643,348 diapers to families in need this past year.

- **Teen Pantry Program**- Launched in May 2014, this program provides school aged adolescent students with personal hygiene products, snacks, and everyday products often too expensive for them to afford. In just a few months, the program provided 30,168 much needed items such as dental hygiene products, shampoo and conditioner, and on-the-go school friendly snacks. Enabling students to have these products is much more of a need than many are aware since the biggest underlying issues with adolescents and success in school are food insecurity and self-esteem.
2013 - 2014 Ending Net Assets

$3,247,541
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