Annual Report 2015
FEED. LEAD. STRENGTHEN.

100,000 of our neighbors experienced hunger this year, and we thank you for helping us FEED those most in need. But we know it takes more than food.

We will continue to LEAD as the community’s leading anti-poverty advocate. And our programs will remain poised to STRENGTHEN working families by leading them on the path to self-sufficiency.
Treasure Coast Food Bank, founded in 1989, is the leading hunger relief organization along the Treasure Coast and the only Food Bank in the region. Treasure Coast Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nationwide network of more than 200 food banks that leads the fight against hunger in the United States.

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

Our **Vision** is to provide food to improve the quality of health and wellness to those who are struggling with food insecurity.
Dear Friends,

At Treasure Coast Food Bank, the challenges we face in overcoming hunger—and the grave consequences of hunger on our collective health, economy, and spiritual lives—loom larger than ever.

Yet, Treasure Coast Food Bank has taken the lead in providing solutions to these challenges. Solutions that can act as immediate, positive forces of systematic change. Most importantly, we won’t have to import these solutions from afar, as they can be successfully hatched and implemented right here along Florida’s Treasure Coast.

Our commitment to a healthier community is inspired by our belief that we can achieve this by securing and increasing access to more nutritious foods for our region’s most vulnerable population, especially children and seniors. We can do this by boosting the supply of locally-grown produce as well as the capacity to share it. Our new Florida Agriculture & Nourishment Collaborative will do just that, and you can read about the program in more detail on page 4 of this report.

Of course, emergency food distribution will remain at the core of what we do, and we will continue to collaborate with over 400 human service agencies located throughout the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee County. Yet new alliances will be formed with local farmers, school districts, colleges and universities, and others as we bolster our programming and overall impact.

Finally, no solutions to hunger can truly be successful if they are not sustainable. That’s why we are becoming more self-sufficient as an organization. This means, first and foremost, embracing a social enterprise model where we can generate significantly more revenue and make our vision for a “hunger-free Treasure Coast” a reality.

We invite you to join us, and we thank you for your support.

Miguel Coty, Board President

Judith Cruz, Chief Executive Officer
Organizational Highlights

In Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Treasure Coast Food Bank staff, our board, our partner agencies, and thousands of volunteers were responsible for the following:

**Total Meal Distribution:** Provided 46.4 million meals to neighbors through our direct service programs such as Mobile Pantry, Child Nutrition programs, Health & Wellness Outreach programs, and in collaboration with more than 400 faith-based and human service organizations.

**Program Expansion:** After assuming full responsibility of Whole Child Connection, we expanded the Martin County program to three new cities and office hours are now scheduled in the evenings and on Saturdays to better meet the needs of working families.

**Summer Feeding Program:** Prepared 200,000 healthy breakfasts, snacks, and lunches to kids who typically have no other option for food while schools close for the summer.

**Sector Leader:** Awarded an Innovation in Operation Award from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services- Division of Food, Nutrition, and Wellness.

**Food Safety:** Treasure Coast Food Bank was inspected by AIB International and received a score of 895/1000 based on the requirements of the AIB International Consolidated Standards for Food Distribution Centers.

**Advocacy:** In 2015, Treasure Coast Food Bank was honored as the only Food Bank in Florida to be inducted into Feeding America’s Advocacy Hall of Fame.

**Healthcare:** Received the Organization of the Year Award from the Florida Community Healthy Action Information Network (CHAIN) in recognition of Treasure Coast Food Bank’s outreach to nearly 10,000 individuals during Healthcare Marketplace open enrollment last year.
In alignment with a comprehensive strategy established by Feeding America, Treasure Coast Food Bank coordinates more than 20 programs and initiatives in three priority areas: FEED, LEAD, and STRENGTHEN.

Below are snapshots of three programs in each of the three priority areas.

**FEED:** Healthy Options Program for the Elderly (H.O.P.E.) — Since 2012, Treasure Coast Food Bank has worked with community partners such as public housing, senior centers, and medical clinics to provide shelf-stable food as a supplement to our senior population who are struggling to make ends meet. Indeed, the program helps eliminate the difficult choices some seniors have to make between food purchases and daily necessities for living.

**LEAD:** Treasure Coast Hunger Free Coalition — Treasure Coast Food Bank formed this capacity-building collaborative project in each county it serves in order to develop and implement strategies to alleviate hunger through policy, advocacy, education, leadership, community organizing, and community development.

**STRENGTHEN:** Your Plate Health & Wellness Center — An innovative approach to fighting hunger at one location, the Your Plate Health & Wellness Center staff coordinate SNAP Outreach and benefit assistance, Nutrition Education, Family Dining, Senior programs, and Child Nutrition programs. The program was created specifically to impact our clients in the areas of Nutrition, Education, Wellness, and Lifestyle.
Take money being spent out of state, and redirect it to local farmers. Take fresh produce that nobody wants, and create a new market. Feed school children and food-insecure families. Create jobs.

Treasure Coast Food Bank is combining all these efforts into a new social enterprise program – the Florida Agriculture & Nourishment Collaborative – designed to benefit not only those in need but local private industry as well.

The program involves 100 Florida farmers, 100 local schools, and 400 human service agencies that provide food to 100,000 low-income people in Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee counties each week. By processing, vacuum-sealing, and cold-storing the produce, the program will extend its usable life, enabling many more agencies and individuals to access and consume it.

Through the Collaborative, the Food Bank, using revenue it generated as a supplier of local school districts’ USDA Farm 2 School programs, will purchase and process millions of pounds of locally-grown produce that currently has no market. We will then provide this healthy food through our programs to more than 100,000 people who experience food insecurity along the Treasure Coast.
### INCOME

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*Figures are for Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015*

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<td><strong>$17,534,371</strong></td>
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**2014 - 2015 NET ASSETS: $3,626,729**

97.8% Total budget allocated to programming

2.2% Total budget allocated to fundraising / administrative costs
In fiscal year 2014 - 2015 volunteers contributed 43,401 hours - equivalent to more than 20 full-time staff positions! Without this incredible human resource, Treasure Coast Food Bank could not have the impact on hunger our community requires.

**GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS WITH 50+ VOLUNTEER HOURS**

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July 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2015
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COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES OVER 500 POUNDS RAISED

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American Top Team of the TC
Anderson Middle School
Artists for A Cause
Bank of America - Avens St.
Bank of America - Prima Vista
Bank of America - Turnpike Feeder Rd
Barclay’s Beach Club & Condo Assoc.
Bella Vista Apartments
Bev Smith Toyota
Boy Scouts Gulf Stream Council - Treasure Coast Division
Cactus Moon Dance Club
Centennial High School
Chesterbrook Academy
City of Port St. Lucie
Convey Health Solutions
Deals #2108
Discovery Emporium
Dollar Tree-Store #620
Dollar Tree-Store #1081
Dollar Tree-Store #2231
Dollar Tree-Store #4320
Dollar Tree-Store #4837

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES OVER 500 POUNDS RAISED

Eddie & Rosalind Dale
Express Scripts
Fairlawn Elementary School
Feds Feeding Families
Felix Williams Elementary
Fort Pierce Magnet School of Arts
Frances K. Sweet Elementary School
Fur Seasons Pet Resort
Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club
Hidden Oaks Middle School
Imagine Charter School
Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful
Kitterman Woods Apartments
Lakes at Tradition
Liberty Medical
Lincoln Park Academy
Manatee Academy K-8
Martin Health System
Morning Side Church
Palm City Health & Fitness Club
Port Salerno Elementary School
PSL Athletic Association
PSLAA Cheer Competition - Sportsman

RETAIL STORE & AGRICULTURAL PARTNERS

Each year, Treasure Coast Food Bank’s retail store partners donate millions of pounds of nutritious food to families in need. Through these strategic partnerships, we are working to ensure that an increasing percentage of these donations include fresh produce, lean proteins, low-fat dairy, and whole grains.

Agrigator Farms
Aldi
Alice’s Farm Fresh Foods
Aycro Farms, Inc.
B & W Quality Growers, Inc.
Big Lots
Big Red Tomato Packers
BJ’s
Bob Evans
Bolthouse Farms
Cabbage, Inc.
Carraba’s Italian Grill
Chipotle
Donor Fresh Produce
Easy Street Fresh Market

Edible Arrangements
Farmer’s Feeding Florida
Flower’s Baking Co.
Fresh Start Produce
Goodson Farms, Inc.
H+M Potato Farms
Langdon Barber Groves
Localecopia
Longhorn
Loveland Farms
Nelson Family Farms
Olive Garden
Outback Steakhouse
Papa John’s
Pepperidge Farm

Premier Citrus Packers
Publix
Red Lobster
Sam’s Club
Save-A-Lot
Superior Dairy
Target
The Fresh Market
Thomas Produce Co.
Townsend Brothers Farm, Inc.
Uncle Matt’s Organic, Inc.
Walmart
Wellsey Farms
Winn-Dixie
The Board of Directors are a committed, passionate, diversified group of citizens dedicated to the mission of ending hunger in the region. They assist in guiding the organization through effective stewardship of policy and fiduciary oversight. Their support and contributions are invaluable to our efforts.

### Executive Board

**Judith Cruz**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
Treasure Coast Food Bank

**Miguel Coty**  
*President*  
Martin Health System, Inc.

**John Ekufu**  
*Vice President /Secretary*  
Tropicana Products, Inc.

**Erin Neill Cox**  
*Treasurer*  
Big Red Tomato Packers

**Leo Capoccia**  
*Director Emeritus / Director At-Large*  
Retired Executive

**Pete Tesch**  
*Executive Director of St. Lucie County Economic Development Council*

**Kim Johnson**  
*St. Lucie County Commissioner*

**David Jackson**  
*Office of Congressman Bill Posey (FL-8)*

**Jay Anglada**  
*Retired Executive*

### Executive Staff

**Judith Cruz**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

**Krista Garofalo**  
*Chief Programs Officer*

**Philip Parks**  
*Chief Operating Officer*

**Lissete Morales**  
*Director of Finance*

**David Vaina**  
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Fort Pierce, FL 34946
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Your Plate Health & Wellness Center
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Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772-464-9617

Whole Child Connection
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Stuart, FL 34997
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