

FW: September 2022 Hunger Relief Update

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Hunger Relief Monthly Update

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Every month United Way of Palm Beach County (UWPBC)'s Hunger Relief Initiative provides you with the important news about Hunger Relief in Palm Beach County. Information is current as of September 16, 2022. Check out what's new and learn about ongoing work below.

IT'S HUNGER ACTION MONTH!



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WE ARE HELPING OVER 181,000 FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN PBC HAVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD!

September is Hunger Action Month! During this month, United Way of Palm Beach County and our hunger relief community partners are raising awareness about food insecurity in Palm Beach County.

Did you know...

- 181,340 PBC residents don't know where their next meal will come from.
- 1 in 5 kids experience hunger on a daily basis.

How Can You Help?

Join us by posting on your social media accounts and wearing orange on Hunger Awareness Day, which is Friday, September 23! Hunger Awareness Day brings public awareness to the struggle faced by millions of low-income Americans to simultaneously avoid hunger, afford nutritious foods, and stay healthy. Orange is a color that sparks notice and draws attention.

[Check out United Way of Palm Beach County's blog](#) to learn more about how to participate and raise awareness.

MEET OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUNGER RELIEF!



Thank you for all you've done, Julie!



Welcome to the team, Terri!

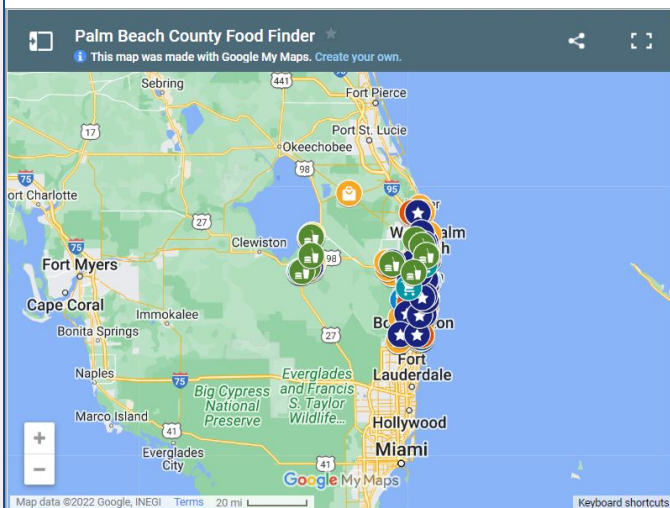
Julie Kreafile, our previous Vice President for Hunger Relief, retired on September 16, 2022 after a wonderful career dedicated to serving her community. Julie, thank you for all you have done to further Hunger Relief efforts in Palm Beach County, we will miss you!

UWPBC is thrilled to announce that Terri Shermett has joined the Hunger Relief team as the new Vice President for Hunger Relief. Terri was born in Connecticut and moved to South Florida at a young age. Terri earned her Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Florida International University and a Master of Science in Educational Administration and Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Terri previously worked at Ann Storck Center, Broward Children's Center, College Living Experience, and the School Board of Broward County. She has dedicated her adult life to helping others and has consistently advocated for those in need. Terri has continued to be actively involved in the community and sat on many advisory boards. Terri has a unique talent for collaborating with community resources and striving for excellence.

FOOD RESOURCES

- **School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) FREE Meals:** School breakfast and lunch are now free for ALL children in schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program with SDPBC. Your kids can eat delicious, nutritious breakfasts and lunch at school, every day of the school week! [Click here](#) to check out the menu for your school.
- **Summer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT):** The State of Florida has applied for Summer P-EBT 2022! This means that 2.6 million Florida children will benefit. An estimated \$1 billion will now come into the state to help feed hungry kids — families do not need to do anything to enroll, the funds will appear on EBT cards. The benefit will be \$391 per eligible child. [Please check the DCF website](#) for updated information as it becomes available.
- **Instacart Now Accepting SNAP:** SNAP benefits can now be used to buy groceries at participating stores using Instacart. Delivery is free on the first three orders over \$35 when using SNAP, now through 12/31/22. To learn more, [click here](#).
- **UWPBC Food Finder Map:** UWPBC's [Food Finder Map](#) is updated weekly and has been viewed over 181,000 times! The best way to access emergency food is through your local food pantry. Anyone looking for food or helping others find food is encouraged to look up locations on the map. You can also get help finding food locations by calling 2-1-1.



The best way to ensure food insecure people have access to emergency food is through a strong food pantry system. Pantries rely largely on food from local food banks and other donations. Inflation and the end of many COVID-era food programs have led to a decrease in donations and food available through the emergency food system. You can learn how to support your local food bank and pantry system through food donations [here](#).

- Statewide Hunger Call Listening Series:** Join the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and [Florida Impact to End Hunger](#) for a listening series in honor of Hunger Action Month. You can register for the South Florida call on Friday, September 30th at 11:00 a.m. by [clicking here](#).



- Addressing Food Insecurity Among Older Adults:** FRAC, in collaboration with AARP Foundation and support from the Abbott Nutrition Health Institute, has released a revamped, free online course to help frontline health workers and other stakeholders identify and address food insecurity, and support their work to improve the health of millions of older adults. The course is five modules and designed for those who work with adults ages 50 and over. To register for the course, [click here](#).
- Child Tax Credit Tool:** Did you know that more than 4 million children nationwide could miss out on \$1,500-\$3,600 with the Child Tax Credit if their parent or guardian has not yet filed? [GetCTC.org](#) is a tool to reduce barriers for people without filing requirements. This tool enables people to claim the Child Tax Credit and a third stimulus payment (up to \$5,000 per eligible child). Signing up takes 15 minutes or less on a mobile device, and is available in English or Spanish.
- Philanthropy Tank CHANGEmakers:** [Philanthropy Tank](#) is looking for its next group of CHANGEmakers! Students who apply and are selected can participate in a year-long program and receive mentorship and funding for their student-led community impact ideas. Learn more and apply to become a CHANGEmaker by [clicking here](#). Applications are due October 23rd.
- Florida Farm Bureau Classroom Mini-Grant:** Do you know a teacher that incorporates agriculture into their curriculum? Encourage them to apply for a Classroom Mini-Grant! Classroom Mini-Grants provide the necessary funds teachers need, up to \$250, to deliver a quality education lesson involving

agriculture. To learn more about the grant and apply, [please click here](#). The Classroom Mini-Grant application closes on October 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

· **Caridad Center Hispanic Heritage Month:** In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Caridad Center is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Resource Fair on October 15, 2022. The goal of this event is to connect and serve our local families by providing information about the resources available to them in the community as well as celebrate the Hispanic Culture. Partners interested in being a vendor can [sign up here](#) by September 29, 2022.

HUNGER RELIEF MEETINGS

We couldn't 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 change to reduce hunger in Palm Beach County. We do this work through our Hunger Relief Advisory Council and the Council's work groups and subcommittees.

Hunger Relief staff regularly convenes the Hunger Relief Advisory Council, five Work Groups, and two Subcommittees. [Please send us an email to learn more.](#)

We couldn't do this work without you!

The Hunger Relief Team is appreciative of everything you do for our community. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime by calling us at

561-375-6600 or [emailing us](#).



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