

THE SOUTH FORT MYERS FOOD PANTRY COALITION INC.

MISSION STATEMENT: TO FEED THE NEEDY OF SOUTH FORT MYERS.
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A 501C3 NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION.
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Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2023

We served 3,362 individual households

Totaling 10,504 family members

We distributed approximately 159,377 pounds of food

(This represents the food received from Harry Chapin Food Bank and MidWest Food Bank as well as any food that we purchase from local retailers.

This does not include products from food drives or weekly donations from Publix at Gladiolus Gateway & SouthPointe, Winn Dixie at Cypress Trace or The Bagel Factory)

Comparison: In 3rd qtr. of 2022 we served 3,200 households & 10,200 family members.



Some interesting Statistics!

Through the third quarter of 2023, we served 9,213 families, 49% more than in 2019.

Free food available from Harry Chapin Food Bank is about the same as in 2019.

Through the third quarter of 2023, we have spent \$158,000 on food in the marketplace to keep up with demand, vs. \$29,500 through the third quarter of 2019 (+436%).

Over the last year we have been planning a paver upgrade to the area where we unload our truck and move most of our food into the pantry. This allows a safer more even surface for our volunteers to work on. The pavers have been successfully installed! We are grateful for the donation we received from one of our partner agencies as well as individual donors to fund this very important improvement to our pantry. Safety is our first concern!

Recently one of our coalition members held a very successful food drive to help stock our shelves. We received 6 pallets of needed items to serve our clients. Also, a new church (interested in our mission) held a food drive resulting in five pallets of food to help with our needs. We are blessed with church members who have a heart for the clients we serve. We appreciate the generosity of our community!!

In accordance with federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, the South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, disability, religion or sexual orientation when recruiting volunteers or distributing food. We are an equal opportunity provider.

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