

Dear TCHP Friend,

As we approach the back-to-school season, many families in Brevard County are focused on getting their kids ready for the classroom. However, amidst the hustle and bustle of shopping for school supplies, it is important to address a critical issue: hunger among our children.

While school supplies are a top priority, we must not overlook the fundamental need for nourishment.

Without proper nutrition, children cannot thrive academically, physically, or emotionally.

The Children's
Hunger Project

MISSION:



It is our collective responsibility to ensure that no child in Brevard County goes to school hungry.

The overall percentage of students who receive free and reduced price meals in our county has reached

60.2%

an increase from last year's percentage of 56.6%!

This indicates a significant portion of our community is **struggling to meet their basic food needs.**

The growing need, by the numbers...

2021/22

44 schools / 2,900 students served



2022/23

57 schools / 3,900+ students served



These figures highlight the urgency of the situation and the need for collective action to address this pressing issue.

Disturbingly, food insecurity impacted **12%** of Brevard County children in 2021. **This means that a significant number of children in our county are unsure of where their next meal will come from.** Furthermore, among food insecure children in Brevard County, 72% reside in households with income at or below the poverty line, while 28% are likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs. These statistics paint a bleak picture of the challenges faced by our most vulnerable community members.



The thought of sending a child home from school on a Friday not knowing if they will have enough nourishment to get them through the weekend keeps me awake at night. It's a heart-wrenching reality that many children in Brevard County face every week. **But together, we can make a difference.**

I am reaching out to you today because I know we have much work to do in Brevard County, and **I'm hopeful I can count on you.** We have set an ambitious goal for the month of August: to get an additional **100** children sponsored for the school year. That means we need to raise **\$19,000** to cover the added food cost!

With your support, we can provide a lifeline of nourishment and hope to these vulnerable children.

There are multiple ways to give online.



SCAN TO DONATE

\$16 a month or \$190 annually feeds a child on weekends for the school year and on school breaks

\$84 a month or \$1,000 annually feeds 5 children on weekends for the school year and on school breaks

You can also select any monthly amount within your budget by going to:
thechildrenshungerproject.org/donate

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Imagine the impact we can make. No child should ever have to go to bed hungry or worry about where their next meal will come from. By sponsoring a child, you are not just providing them with nourishment, but also giving them hope and a brighter future.

Your generous donation will go directly toward purchasing nutritious food packages for hungry kids locally. Join us in giving them the energy and focus they need to excel in school and beyond. Every dollar counts and every sponsorship makes a difference.

Here is how your gift makes an impact:

"We say thank you, because without those weekly weekend food packets, many of our families would struggle with providing their children with the same steady meals on the weekend as they receive during the school week. You see, thankfully our school provides free breakfast and lunch to all of our students daily, and thanks to The Children's Hunger Project, the weekends become less uncertain for these families.

We say thank you, because we cannot get to the business of teaching or learning if a child is wondering where their next meal is coming from. Thanks to The Children's Hunger Project, our backpack meal kids know they will not go hungry over the weekend and look forward to receiving that call at the end of the week asking them to come by to visit the school counselors." **Jupiter Elementary School Counselor**

Other ways to donate:

Send a check to:

The Children's Hunger Project
26 Forrest Ave.
Cocoa, FL 32922

We also accept gifts of stock or bequeaths for a lasting impact.

Join us in our mission to end weekend hunger for 100 children in Brevard County.

With your help, we can create a community where no child goes hungry. Make a donation today and be a part of this life-changing initiative. Together, we can make a lasting impact, leveling the playing field for kids in need and ensuring a brighter future for our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cominsky
Executive Director

Call us at 321-610-1900 to learn more.