



‘Why I Love to Volunteer...’



Robert Perlmutter: Year-round volunteer since June 27, 2011, at the Fort Myers warehouse. Lifetime hours: 1,430. *“Besides giving back to the community, I work with people who also enjoy donating time — and it gives me a good workout!”*

Claudia Sullivan: Volunteer since Feb. 14, 2012, at Collier County mobile pantries with husband, John Kelley. Lifetime hours: 540. *“When you enjoy what you are doing and the people you are doing it with, volunteering isn’t work, it’s fun.”*



Bob Chrystal: Volunteer since Aug. 21, 2015, at the Naples warehouse, mobile pantries, special events. Lifetime hours: 280. *“It means giving help where it is needed to those who need it. Very fulfilling.”*

Barbara Martinez: Volunteer since Dec. 5, 2015, at Fort Myers warehouse, special events. Lifetime hours: 107. *“I volunteer to help those in our community who are less fortunate. Even though I come out dirty, achy and tired, I look forward to it.”*



It’s So Much More Than a Dollar!

Your volunteer hours contribute directly to the Harry Chapin Food Bank’s improved productivity and efficiency. Thanks to growers, supermarkets and retail stores that help us rescue food, many generous donors, and thousands of volunteers, we can **turn every donated \$1 into \$8 worth of food!**

In FY2017, we will distribute **21.9 million pounds of food** to children, working-poor families, seniors and those in need through 150-plus partner agencies. **Thank you!**

SAVE THE DATE...

- Jan. 21: WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk**
- Jan. 28: Empty Bowls Naples**
- March 22: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Find out more at harrychapinfoodbank.org

TRACKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

(year-to-date July to November 2016)

Volunteers: 1,469

Total hours: 11,451

Value: \$269,785.56

Volunteer group hours: 857

Pounds packed/sorted: 127,349

Total pounds processed: 1,582,136

Total meals: 1,318,447

How YOU Can Help the Food Bank

Here are just a few ways to volunteer. Please contact Tanya Phillips at (239) 334-7007, x141 to hear about all the opportunities...

Mobile Pantries

Assist with food distributions in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties! Help with set-up, client food selection, breakdown and clean-up. You need to be able to lift up to 40 pounds, stand for 3 to 4 hours, and be at least 16 years old. Water will be provided.

Skill-based/Office Assistance

If you have a profession, skill or trade that may be useful to the Food Bank (such as fundraising, television/film production, photography, dietitian, writing/editing, legal), let us know! We are currently searching for skill-based volunteers. Shifts are flexible during weekday business hours, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Fort Myers warehouse. Please submit a resume.

Your financial support is always appreciated!

Oracle Team Rolls Up Sleeves in Naples



The Oracle Hospitality team was hard at work one October Saturday at the Harry Chapin Food Bank's Naples warehouse. The 11 participants contributed 33 hours and packed more than 5,000 pounds of sweet potatoes, which equaled 4,767 meals. "The experience opened my colleagues' eyes, and they were very appreciative that the Food Bank is here to help," said Michelle Whittle, functional analyst and the event's project leader.

Pick-up Assistance for Smaller Food Drives

Many groups host food drives in Collier County, but the amount of food they gather is too small for a Food Bank truck. That's where you come in...It would really help if you can provide pick-up assistance for these smaller loads. Call Tanya at (239) 334-7007, x141.

In Memoriam

The Harry Chapin Food Bank sends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Jim McCarty**. This avid bike rider and Green Bay Packers fan started volunteering in December 2013 and accumulated 345 volunteer hours in the warehouse and at events like the Letter Carriers Food Drive. He will be missed!



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Earn Rewards as a Food Bank 'Rock Star'!

We know you love to volunteer just...because. Still, everyone likes rewards, and that's where the Food Bank's "Rock Star" incentive program comes in. Committed volunteers earn redeemable "guitar pick" tickets if they are a lead volunteer, arrive on time and stay an entire shift, receive or give a compliment regarding their own and/or others' volunteer work, or are recognized as the most productive shift each week. The "picks" can be redeemed for a variety of delicious rewards, and a weekly drawing gives all pick recipients another chance to win.

Here are some prizes:

- 10 Picks** = Can of soda or candy bar
- 20 Picks** = Chick-fil-A sandwich, small french fries or hamburger at McDonald's
- 50 Picks** = Cookies or cake for snack
- 100 Picks** = Fruit or vegetable tray for snack
- 150 Picks** = Sandwiches or pizza for snack
- 200 Picks** = Mexican, Chinese or American cuisine for snack
- 250 Picks** = Breakfast or Japanese or Italian cuisine for snack



Community Service Award to Ron Jacoby

Ron Jacoby (at right in photo) couldn't just "retire" after 30 years of service with UPS. Since moving to Southwest Florida, he has accumulated 800 volunteer hours across a range of Food Bank activities, always going the "extra mile" for those in need and even recruiting relatives, friends and neighbors to volunteer. Good reasons, along with other volunteer work, why the Lee County Homeless Coalition named him

winner of the Dean Blietz Annual Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.



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