## 2023-2024

# Partnership Opportunities





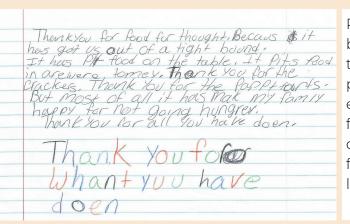
## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to remove the negative impacts of hunger, and empower a child to get the most out of their education and development by providing them weekly access to healthy, easy to prepare meals.

## **OUR IMPACT**

#### Dear Food for Thought,

I would like to say a very heartfelt thank you for providing our class with snacks and bags this school year. While I am confident that the students who received the bags benefitted from them, I am especially thankful for providing snacks for my students. I have not had a time when there was not something my students who had nothing for snack could not find something, they liked from my basket that you provided. I am sure that this is expensive, but the benefits that I see through my students is priceless. Thank you again.



Receiving a backpack with food provided by community members is about more than easing food insecurity. The outreach provided a sense of comfort, support, and encouragement. It enabled me to push forward and not be defeated by the obstacles of providing daily basic needs for my family. The program has left a lasting impression on my children as well.

-Received from a local Parent

#### **ABOUT US**

Food For Thought is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in Florida, serving Walton and Okaloosa Counties. Food For Thought works to fight child hunger through five, year-round programs, designed to fight the negative impacts of Child Hunger in the lives of Food Insecure children in grades K-12.

Our goal is to support a child's development and educational experience by bridging the gap between school meals during weekends, Summer and Holiday breaks, as well as offering learning and life-skill resources through the Emeril Lagasse Full-Circle Kitchen and our Full-Circle Gardens.

Food For Thought has been working to fight child hunger since 2010, and currently serves 35 schools in Walton and Okaloosa Counties, reaching over 3,400 students weekly through our backpack services and classes in the Emeril Lagasse Full-Circle Kitchen.

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## **VALUES**

Foster Respect | Health Focused Promote Volunteerism | Establish Roots



## **OUR PROGRAM IMPACT**

Our year-round services throughout Walton and Okaloosa County help ensure that the children enrolled in our programs always have access to food they need to develop and get the most out of their education.

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

36 Weeks of service through the school year

Serving over 3,400 students weekly

1.3 Million food items distributed

108,000 Backpacks delivered

#### **IN-SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM**

Monthly program delivering to 16 elementary schools

190,000 Snacks delivered directly to students Provides teachers with snacks to distribute

### **SUMMER SERVICES**

8 Weeks of services to bridge the meal gap over summer

5 Distribution locations

Reaching an average of 2,000 children a week

#### **HOLIDAY SERVICES**

Provides food over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks Reaches at least 700 families each holiday break Reaching an average of 2,000 children a week

## **EMERIL LAGASSE FULL CIRCLE KITCHEN**

100 Hours of quality kitchen instruction for at risk youth Students learn valuable skills for self reliance

Job placement opportunities for students

Totals based on the 2022-23 school year



## **ANNUAL PARTNERSHIPS 2023-2024**

## **PANTRY PARTNER**

\$10,000

3 Available

## **BACKPACK PARTNER**

\$5,000

5 Available

## **GROCERY PARTNER**

\$2,500

5 Available

## **HOLIDAY PARTNER**

\$10,000

2 Available
Thanksgiving Break
Christmas Break

## **SUMMER PARTNER**

\$10,000

2 Available

June - August













## YOUR PARTNERSHIP CAN:

- Create recurring, reliable support for our in-school and seasonal programs and services
- Provide sustainability for all Food for Thought Programs year-round:

Backpack Program
In-School Snack Program
Summer Services
Holiday Services
Full Circle Kitchen Program

- Strengthen and support your community
- Empower children in need throughout Okaloosa & Walton Counties
- Help bridge the meal gap for local food-insecure children who rely on our programs for critical access to food when out of school

Food for thoughts Helps me when get hungry i have somthing over the weekend Dear Food for thought; Thankyou For all of the snacks that you have Provided US With I personally appreciate it because apple sauce is brain food and it kept me going and beliving in myself that I can do it. Thank you so much. baron to tol a soul time now and "+ helps us out a int.

## **DONATIONS**

#### **DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would be pleased to acknowledge your support publicly but will also respect your decision if you wish to make a private donation. We recognize our donors through:

- In-Pantry posters and marketing at our 3 locations
- Check presentation photo opportunities
- Recognition in our email newsletter

- Social media acknowledgement
- Inclusion in our annual report

#### **PAYMENT STRUCTURE**

We will work with your organization to structure payments annually, quarterly, or monthly to provide flexibility.

#### **MAKING PAYMENTS**

**ONLINE** 

Visit our website: https://fftfl.org to make your donation online MAIL

Mail a check to: 2078 US Hwy 98 W STE 105 PMB 286 Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

## **OUR FUNDING**

On average 40% of our yearly funding is sourced through Foundation Grants. The remaining 60% is funded directly through our local community with partnerships like yours that help provide sustainability for all Food for Thought programs year-round:

- Backpack Program
- In-School Snack Program
- Summer Services

- Holiday Services
- Full Circle Kitchen Program