## THE SOUTH FORT MYERS FOOD PANTRY COALITION, INC.

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## Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2024 We served 4,696 households Totaling 14,925 family members We distributed approximately 165,734 pounds of food Year-To-Date: 675,901 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, Dollar General on McGregor or The Bagel Factory

We are pleased to welcome Ernesto Carasquell as the newest member of our board.

## A comment recently received:

One client said (as he handed the volunteer a bit of cash): "I know it's not much but we really appreciate what you do here".

Our work doesn't get much more rewarding than that!

As you can see from our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statistics we continue to see an increase in the number of clients we serve each week. The source of most of the food we distribute has remained static. The reality is that we must purchase a great deal in the retail marketplace so we can provide the same amount of nutritious food to our clients. This reality is exhausting our financial reserves.

Take a moment to visit our website, sfmfoodpantry.com You will find some interesting information & you can easily donate directly from the website.

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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