

THE SOUTH FORT MYERS FOOD PANTRY COALITION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT: FEED THE HUNGRY OF THE SOUTH FORT MYERS AREA INCLUDING SANIBEL & CAPTIVA
8260 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33919
<https://sfmfoodpantry.com>
A 501C3 NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION.
239-628-3191

Newsletter

4th Quarter 2024

We served 4,163 households

Totaling 13,058 family members

We distributed approximately 288,084 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, Winn Dixie at Cypress Trace, Dollar General or The Bagel Factory)

Year-End 2024

We served 16,325 individual households

Totaling 51,318 family members

We distributed approximately 782,679 pounds of food

In comparison: Year-End 2023 we served 12,781 individual households totaling 40,160 family members; Year-End 2022 we distributed 655,614 pounds of food

+++++

Our 2024 budget called for a deficit of \$50,000 (\$185k income less \$235k expense). As of 12-31-24, operating donations and expenses both exceeded budget so that our deficit was only \$11,000 instead of \$50,000. Praise God! In addition, we received a very generous capital donation of \$50,000 dedicated to a new outdoor cooler. We are VERY grateful to our Coalition Members, Supporting Partners and individual donors -- without you, this pantry does not exist.

On December 12, 2024, Fort Myers Congregational UCC, a supporting pantry partner, sponsored a benefit concert for the pantry. They raised approximately \$3,000. The concert was very well attended and a great start to the holiday season. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.

We were also blessed with 5 food drives held on our behalf by Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, Summit Church (Gateway Campus) and The Village Church at Shell Point. Food drives provide greatly needed shelf stable items for the pantry, which in turn, allows us to spend funds on perishable items such as meat and dairy.

We love our volunteers, they are what makes our pantry able to provide great care to our neighbors!

Check out our website: <https://sfmfoodpantry.com>

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.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES WEBSITE WWW.FLORIDAConsumerHELP.COM OR BY CALLING TOLL FREE (1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. REGISTRATION #CH49856.