

Hope, Compassion, Strength and Faith



Food For The Hungry



Hunger in America is a hot topic in the news. Providing food to feed the hungry is now a full time job for many nonprofits. Not only are the food pantries assisting those less fortunate, schools and churches continue to bring additional assistance and resources to those who are hungry. Food nourishes all of us and is not something that people can do without. Food is a necessity of life. Unfortunately, sometimes those who suffer the most are the young children in our society and the elderly.

The St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc. (“the Foundation”) takes pride in funding area food banks and food-based nonprofits in Northwest Florida that provide food to area residents. Over the past several years, the Foundation has granted funding so that area mobile pantries, church pantries and student backpack programs can provide food to those who are hungry in their communities.



The Foundation has provided grants over the past few years to nonprofits such as Food4Kidz, Inc., Food for Thought Outreach, Inc., Bay Area Food Bank, and Not Ashamed Ministries. Each food provider offers something different in how they distribute food, but each has the same goal – to help feed the hungry.



Food4Kidz, Inc. is a Bay County nonprofit, a food provider that assists struggling families by appointment, distributing high-quality nutritious food and meal planning assistance, when requested. Food for Thought Outreach, Inc. is a Walton County nonprofit that provides backpacks full of food to students in several elementary, middle and high schools once a week, serving over 1200 students each week.

The Bay Area Food Bank is an area provider that services several counties. The Foundation provided the Food Bank with funding last year for 16 mobile food pantries to assist in providing free food for those in both downtown and remote areas of Bay and Walton counties. These highly successful mobile pantries help fill the food void for families still struggling with job losses, medical problems, health problems or just making ends meet. The final 3 mobile pantries will be held in DeFuniak Springs on February 6, The City of Freeport on February 13 and in South Walton on February 13.



More about The St. Joe Community Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation began its funding of local nonprofits about 16 years ago hoping to help those in need in the Northwest Florida area who work, live and play in our beautiful surroundings. Since then, the Foundation has provided over \$18 Million to help improve our environment, assist with educational needs, help fund area healthcare needs, as well as promote and support the arts and cultural events.



The Foundation was founded as a way to give back to Northwest Florida by The St. Joe Company. What began as an idea to help provide needed funding to a few local nonprofits has grown to become a large contributor of grants to over 250 nonprofits in our area.

And the Foundation has not stopped in its quest to help make this area a great place to call home or to visit. In 2015, the Foundation funded a total of 74 nonprofits providing over \$1.1 Million to community programs in Northwest Florida.

For more information about the Foundation, to see recent contributions and/or recent check presentations, visit www.Joefoundation.com. Executive Director Janet Greeno can be contacted at 850-231-7402 regarding a grant application or can assist with any other questions you may have about the Foundation.

