



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**“To know is to care, to care is to act,
to act is to make a difference.”**

— Harry Chapin



The Virtual Tour



In December 2008, the Harry Chapin Food Bank moved to a 48,000-sq.-ft. building at 3760 Fowler Street in Fort Myers, Florida. This new warehouse can expand food distribution to meet the ongoing needs of hungry children, elderly, working poor, and other disadvantaged families in Southwest Florida.

Our staff is proud to serve the mission of the Harry Chapin Food Bank: “To overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Glades, and Hendry Counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.” The Food Bank is effective and efficient in providing maximum benefit to the community — 92 cents of every dollar donated goes to our program and mission.





The Harry Chapin Food Bank annually collects more than 6 million pounds of food, valued at more than \$9.5 million, from an array of sources: Supermarkets; manufacturers and distributors; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; farmers and produce wholesalers; food drives; and Feeding America. For every \$1 donation, \$6 worth of food can be sourced and distributed.



Expanded facilities for refrigeration and freezing allow the Harry Chapin Food Bank to quickly receive and distribute hundreds of thousands of pounds of highly nutritious but perishable foods — from bread to pizza to meat to fresh produce. This is in addition to 40,000 square feet for dry storage.

Volunteers at the Harry Chapin Food Bank don't just help move food into and out of the warehouse facility. Here, they are called upon to sort and package bulk rice into two-pound bags for delivery to agencies and then on to those in need.





In order to accommodate smaller agencies and provide its more than 150 partner agencies with access to unusual or seldom donated items, the Harry Chapin Food Bank maintains a small “shopping area” where agencies can choose from a variety of donated items.

Each month, the 500,000 pounds of food that the Harry Chapin Food Bank collects are delivered to 150 charitable agencies, which serve more than 20,000 people. First, though, the food that arrives at the warehouse is inspected, sorted, and recorded in a computerized inventory for partner agencies to access.





Sponsors, partners, and people like you generously support the Harry Chapin Food Bank's special events and food drives. We can't do our work without your help!

The Harry Chapin Food Bank helps its more than 150 partner agencies — including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after-school programs, and senior centers — in Southwest Florida deliver more than hope to people in need. That need, unfortunately, continues to grow among children (38 percent of those served), the working poor, and seniors with fixed incomes.





Volunteers annually contribute more than 21,000 hours of service, valued at more than \$400,000. The Harry Chapin Food Bank could not accomplish our mission without their labor of love. Just think of how much you can help!



Help us help others! Volunteer time, donate food,
and give generously. Call (239) 334-7007
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