



## **2021-2022 Grant Finalist Summary**

### **Feed the Hungry Pantry of Palm Beach County | Solar-Powered, Refrigerated Container Project**

#### **The Organization**

Since 1987 Feed the Hungry has been feeding people throughout Palm Beach County. This year they will rescue 6 million pounds of healthy food with a value of \$20 million. Feed the Hungry gives nutritious groceries to 10,000+ families every week of all races and religions, including 1,100+ hungry seniors and people with disabilities who receive in-home deliveries.

#### **The Program**

More than 200,000 people in Palm Beach County are regularly hungry. One of the main reasons is that most of the 200+ food pantries in the county have limited dry storage, even less cold storage, and transportation is often in the back seat or trunk of a volunteer's car. Agencies do not have much capacity because 80% serve out of a room or from a parking lot. The refrigerated container project will solve this problem for the 100+ churches and agencies they supply food to as well as their pantry. Currently the agency rescues food and pays to store it at the Port of Palm Beach in one of two warehouses. They have paid as much as \$50,000 a month for storage. Feed the Hungry proposes to purchase 5 solar powered shipping containers. The containers will be used for storage, and each will be fitted with a garage door on each side to easily locate pallets.

#### **How will this program impact Palm Beach County?**

In Palm Beach County, 200,000+ of our neighbors do not know where their next meal is coming from. 65% of our children depend on free school breakfasts and lunches and struggle to find dinner and meals on the weekends, vacations and during summer when school is out. This program will assist the agency in providing food to the neediest people in Palm Beach County as efficiently and effectively as possible.

#### **Measurable Outcomes**

- Number of pounds of food distributed
- Number of people served
- Number of pantries that receive food

#### **How will Impact Palm Beaches grant be used?**

The grant will be used for the purchase of 5 shipping containers (\$179,000). The total program cost is \$587,000. Additional funding for the program will come from the Morris Hill Foundation, Jim Moran Foundation, United Way of Palm Beach County and Stephen Brown.