



food for thought

2024-2025

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



ABOUT FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food For Thought is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in Florida, serving Walton and Okaloosa Counties. Food For Thought works to fight child hunger through five, year-round programs, designed to fight the negative impacts of Child Hunger in the lives of Food Insecure children in grades K-12.

Our goal is to support a child's development and educational experience by bridging the gap between school meals during weekends, Summer and Holiday breaks, as well as offering learning and life-skill resources through the Emeril Lagasse Full-Circle Kitchen and our Full-Circle Gardens.

Food For Thought has been working to fight child hunger since 2010, and currently serves 35 schools in Walton and Okaloosa Counties, reaching over 3,400 students weekly through our backpack services and classes in the Emeril Lagasse Full-Circle Kitchen.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to remove the negative impacts of hunger, and empower a child to get the most out of their education and development by providing them weekly access to healthy, easy to prepare meals.

OUR VALUES

FOSTER
RESPECT

HEALTH
FOCUSED

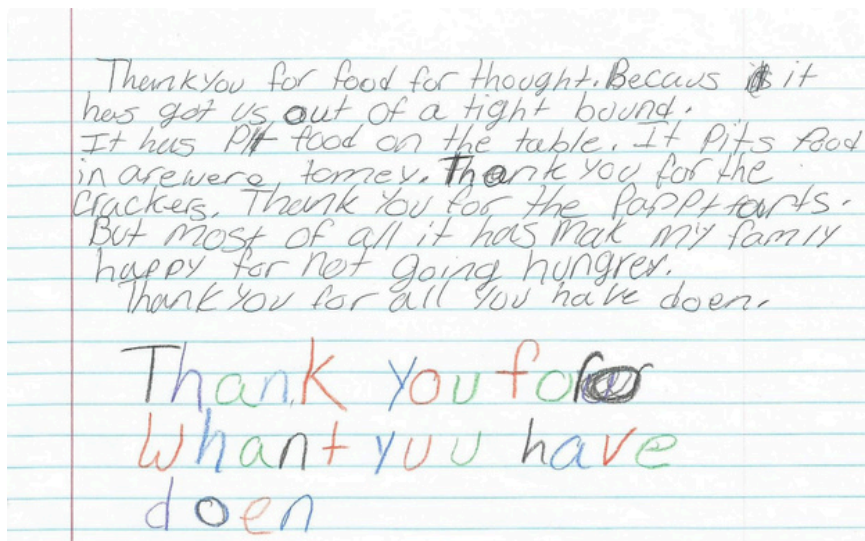
PROMOTE
VOLUNTEERISM

ESTABLISH
ROOTS

OUR IMPACT

Receiving a backpack with food provided by community members is about more than easing food insecurity. The outreach provided a sense of comfort, support, and encouragement. It enabled me to push forward and not be defeated by the obstacles of providing daily basic needs for my family. The program has left a lasting impression on my children as well.

-Received from a local Parent



SCHOOLS WE SERVE

OKALOOSA COUNTY

Destin Elementary
Elliott Point Elementary
Kenwood Elementary
Mary Esther Elementary
Lewis School (Elementary & Middle)
Edge Elementary
Longwood Elementary
Florosa Elementary

Destin Middle
Pryor Middle
Bruner Middle
STEMM
NWFL Ballet
Okaloosa Academy
AMI Academy
Niceville High School

WALTON COUNTY

Bay Preschool
Butler Elementary
Dune Lakes Elementary
Freeport Elementary
West Defuniak Elementary
Maude Saunders Elementary
Mossy Head Elementary
Wise

In10sity
Walton Middle
Freeport Middle
Emerald Coast Middle
Walton Academy
Walton High School
Freeport High School
South Walton High School



OUR PROGRAM IMPACT

Our year-round services throughout Walton and Okaloosa County help ensure that the children enrolled in our programs always have access to food they need to develop and get the most out of their education.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

- 36 weeks of service through the school year
- Serving over 3,600 students weekly
- 1.3 Million food items distributed
- 130,000 Backpacks delivered

IN-SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

- Monthly program delivering to elementary schools
- 190,000 Snacks delivered directly to students
- Provides teachers with snacks to distribute during class

SUMMER SERVICES

- 8 Weeks of services to bridge the meal gap over summer
- 5 Distribution locations
- Reaching an average of 2,000 children a week

HOLIDAY SERVICES

- Provides food over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks
- Reaches at least 700 families each holiday break
- Reaching an average of 2,000 children a week

EMERIL LAGASSE FULL CIRCLE KITCHEN

- 100 Hours of quality kitchen instruction for at-risk youth
- Students learn valuable skills for self-reliance
- Job placement opportunities for students

Totals based on the 2023-24 school year



ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP LEVELS 2024-2025

PROGRAMS PARTNER

\$25,000

Your support will help bridge the meal gap year-round.

HOLIDAY PARTNER

\$20,000

Support the food purchased for Thanksgiving and Christmas Break.

PANTRY PARTNER

\$10,000

Support the food purchased for our programs during the school year.

SUMMER PARTNER

\$10,000

Support the food & supplies purchased for our Summer Food Program.

BACKPACK PARTNER

\$5,000

Support the food & backpacks purchased for our School Year Services.

GROCERY PARTNER

\$2,500

Support the food & supplies purchased for our School Year Services.

Thank you,
for giving me food to think and
fill me up because i had no
breakfast!!!



Dear Food for thought;

Thank you for all of the snacks that you have provided us with. I personally appreciate it because apple sauce is brain food and it kept me going and believing in myself that I can do it. Thank you so much.

I thank you for giving me food every Friday, so I won't go hungry over the weekends. Thank you food for thought.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP CAN:

- Create recurring, reliable support for our in-school and seasonal programs and services
- Provide sustainability for all Food for Thought Programs year-round:
 - Backpack Program
 - In-School Snack Program
 - Summer Services
 - Holiday Services
 - Full Circle Kitchen Program
- Strengthen and support your community
- Empower children in need throughout Okaloosa & Walton Counties
- Help bridge the meal gap for local food-insecure children who rely on our programs for critical access to food when out of school



DONATIONS

If you are ready to make the commitment to become a Partner of Food For Thought for 2024-2025, please email support@ffttl.org with the Partner Level you'd like to be or call 850.290.4056.

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would be pleased to acknowledge your support publicly but will also respect your decision if you wish to make a private donation. We recognize our donors through:

- In-Pantry posters and marketing at our 3 locations
- Check presentation photo opportunities
- Personalized volunteer opportunities for your group
- Recognition in our email newsletter
- Social media acknowledgement
- Inclusion in our annual report

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

We will work with your organization to structure payments annually, quarterly, or monthly to provide flexibility.

MAKING PAYMENTS

ONLINE

Visit our website:
<https://ffttl.org> to
make your donation
online

MAIL

Mail a check to:
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OUR FUNDING

On average 40% of our yearly funding is sourced through Foundation Grants. The remaining 60% is funded directly through our local community with partnerships like yours that help provide sustainability for all Food for Thought programs year-round:

- Backpack Program
- In-School Snack Program
- Summer Services
- Holiday Services
- Full Circle Kitchen Program



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