



food for thought

**PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**
2025-2026



About Us

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.

Food For Thought has been working to fight child hunger since 2010, and currently serves 35 schools in Walton and Okaloosa Counties, reaching over 3,600 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.

FOOD INSECURITY:

the condition assessed in the food security survey and represented in USDA food security reports—is a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Hunger is an individual-level physiological condition that may result from food insecurity

To whom this may concern,
I am writing this letter to tell you that this food pantry has helped my family out a lot. It has helped us by giving us food and helping my mom out with food. We love all of your food you give us, so, we can pick out what we like. Every Friday when I take this food home, my mom is really happy with what we got. I really hope you guys could do this over the summer because it has helped my family out a lot.

FOOD INSECURITY IMPACTS

Repeat a grade level in Elementary School

Have increased emotional and behavioral problems

Experience developmental delays and impairments

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



Who We Serve

Students on the free/reduced meal program at their school are eligible to enroll in our programs.

We serve students in grades K-12 across schools in Walton & Okaloosa Counties.



Our Annual 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 each school year
- Over 700,000 Backpacks Delivered since 2010

HOLIDAY SERVICES

- Provided in two counties and 4 locations
- Reaches at least 700 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Providing fresh produce, bread and holiday staples

SUMMER SERVICES

- Bridges the summer meal gap while schools are closed
- Provides 8 weeks of curbside services in two counties
- Reaching an average of 2,000 children a week
- Focuses on fresh produce and bread

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
- Supported by funds from paid culinary classes

Totals based annual averages

15th Anniversary PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Commit to 1 year or Multiple Years to Help Sustain, Serve, & Grow
for the future of the children we serve

Sustaining Partner

\$20,000+

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

Thanksgiving Partner

\$10,000

Support the food purchased for Thanksgiving Services.

Christmas Partner

\$10,000

Support the food purchased for our Christmas Services.

Giving Tuesday - Match

\$5,000+

Provide Matching during our Giving Tuesday Drive to double the impact.

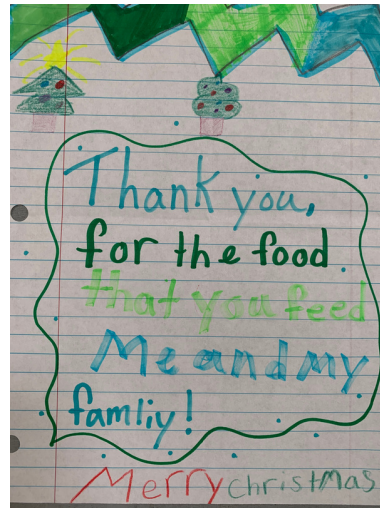
Summer Partner

\$5,000

Support the food needs for the summer program.

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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 Will

Create recurring, reliable support for our in-school and seasonal programs and services so we can continue to provide critical access to food through our year-round services.

Together We Can

Empower the food-insecure children across Walton & Okaloosa Counties for the future of our community.

Help Food For Thought continue to bridge the meal gap for local food-insecure children who rely on our programs for critical access to food when out of school with your partnership





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:

YOUR SUPPORT

We offer structured donations made annually, quarterly, or monthly to provide flexibility for our partners.

We provide volunteer opportunities to our partners and their teams.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would be honored 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

BECOME A PARTNER

If you are ready to make the commitment to become a Partner of Food For Thought for 2025-2026, please email support@ffttl.org with the Partner Level you'd like to be or call 850.290.4056.



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