



*LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion
for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives
and every day make us a little more ... human.*

Hunger Is Not A Game Edition



October 3, 2022

Dear Friends:

Over the past few years, a series of books and big screen movies called The Hunger Games dominated the best sellers and highest earning lists around the world. The books and films are set in the future, in a dystopian, post-apocalyptic North American nation consisting of a wealthy Capitol city surrounded by a dozen poverty-stricken districts where people are inundated with starvation and related problems.

While The Hunger Games are “reel” life, food insecurity is “real” life; hunger is not a game!



"Lois' Food4Kids"

We must remember that there are still more than 52,000 children in our own backyard who don't have enough food to eat every day.

Indeed, in Florida over two million residents – including 1 in 7 children – struggled against hunger in recent years, according to a new report by Hunger Free America, meaning that they were unable to afford an adequate supply of food. Right here in Palm Beach County, despite its wealth, more than 181,340 residents struggle with hunger; more than 52,000 are children who do not have enough to eat on a daily basis.

While still way too high, these figures represent a 9.4% decrease from the height of the pandemic in 2020. This reduction is due in large measure to the essential and life-transforming initiatives put forth by our partner, Palm Beach County Food Bank, including Lois' Food4Kids. As you are aware, I was privileged to make a \$1 million gift to endow this program, through which children are provided with healthy, nutritious meals when they are not in school – on weekends, holidays, and during the summer.

You should also feel pride that your collective generosity in support of the Annual Lady in Red Gala has enabled the Palm Beach County Food Bank to expand and enhance this initiative. In fact, our dear friend Marti LaTour, the Food Bank's chairperson, told me recently that during the school year, Lois' Food4Kids distributes 4,000 backpacks filled with food every week! And since January, the Food Bank has distributed more than 5.8 million meals.

Now, thanks to a grant from the United Way, the Food Bank is expanding its operations to include a community kitchen, a fresh fruit and vegetable processing facility, culinary job training to help bring underserved individuals out of poverty, additional volunteer space, and increased food storage space. These programs will increase capacity and go a long way to alleviating hunger in Palm Beach.

Despite these achievements, the Food Bank cannot rest – and neither can we! We must remember that there are still more than 52,000 children in our own backyard who don't have enough food to eat every day.

This is why our continued support is so necessary. In fact, it is why proceeds from the upcoming 29th Annual Lady in Red Gala – starring the world-renowned music superstar Paul Anka and the utterly hilarious comedian and our good friend Rita Rudner – will again benefit Lois' Food4Kids as well as the Pups4Patriots program at American Humane.

So, I urge you to become a gala sponsor, purchase a table, make a donation, and buy tickets – every dollar we raise means that more hungry children in our local communities will have healthy food on their table on a regular basis.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle said, "The essence of life is to serve others and do good."

Together, let's continue to actualize these words; let us continue to do good – for the sake of children, our future.

As always, with love,

Lois



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PAUL ANKA**

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"Pups4Patriots" Program and South Florida youth through
Palm Beach County Food Bank's "Lois' Food4Kids" Program



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