

*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.*

## The "Imagine" Edition

*"No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world... "  
- John Lennon*



**August 1, 2022**

Dear Friends:

One of the most thought-provoking songs performed by The Beatles' John Lennon was, "Imagine." With all that is going on in the world -- from the ongoing pandemic to the war in Ukraine, from the horrific mass shootings to difficult economic conditions for so many people, I've found myself thinking about some of the scenarios Mr. Lennon asked us to envision in his iconic song. One line holds profound meaning to me: "No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man. Imagine all the people, sharing all the world."

"No need for hunger" – Think about it. Then consider that more than 42 million Americans, including one in six children, face hunger every day. This means that in their households they don't have enough food for everyone to eat. They struggle to afford and access healthy meals.



Instead, they are forced to rely on low-cost, low-nutrition food to feed their children; they skip meals; they go to bed hungry. Here in Florida, it is estimated that 3.1 million people lack access to healthy food, and just over 900,000 are children. More than 20% of children in the state are food insecure.

There is, however, "no need for hunger," as Mr. Lennon wrote. And with school starting later this month, it is especially important that children aren't going hungry. If they are, they simply cannot properly learn. How can a child be expected to read, write, and understand math when his or her stomach is rumbling from lack of food?

This was the impetus for our creation of the Lois' Food4Kids initiative at the Palm Beach County Food Bank. The program, which started at the height of the pandemic in 2020 when schools were forced to close, provides nutritious meals to children throughout the county when they are not in school – on weekends, holidays, and summer vacations.

Because Lois' Food4Kids is supported by proceeds from our Annual Lady in Red Gala, we should all take tremendous pride in the fact that since its inception, the program has provided more than 437,837 meals through the Food Bank's partner schools, camps, libraries, and local Boys and Girls Clubs.

In Palm Beach County 47,860 children are food insecure. During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Weekend Meal Program (Lois' Food4Kids and Weekend Food for Kids) served 5,949 children and distributed 1,242,531 meals. Students are given a bag full of nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods to take home on weekends and school breaks, when they do not have access to free and reduced lunches at school. Children are also supplied with a family meal because it's assumed that if a child is hungry, their family is hungry.

Now in the spirit of what Mr. Lennon asked us to consider, a world without hunger, I'd like to pose a little challenge to all of you. My goal is to get the number of meals provided through Lois' Food4Kids up to 500,000 by the end of this year and one million by the end of 2023.

To do so, I'm asking that you provide early support for the 29th Annual Lady in Red Gala, which will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at The Breakers.

Sign up as a corporate or individual sponsor... Purchase a table or two...make a donation... Whatever you can do today, will help hungry children now and in the future. Proceeds from the event – which is being headlined by world-renowned singer-songwriter, Paul Anka and America's favorite comedienne, Rita Rudner – will again benefit Lois' Food4Kids, as well as the Pups4Patriots program with our longtime partner American Humane.

Together as a "brotherhood of man" -- and sisterhood of women, I believe we can actualize Mr. Lennon's vision of a world without hunger. Imagine that!

As Always with Love,

*Lois*

PS: It gives me great pleasure to tell you that U.S. News & World Report "Best Hospital" rankings have just been released and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute – home to the Lois Pope Center for Retinal and Macular Degeneration Research -- has maintained its standing as the No. 1 eye hospital in the nation for the 21st year!

And, courtesy of LIFE supporter Barbara Marulli, here are a few other thoughts to contemplate:

- "A million kids want to clean up the Earth. A million parents would love if they started with their bedrooms."
- "People are prisoners of their phones. That's why they are called cell phones."
- "Tip of the day: Blow on the wine in your coffee mug to convince the rest of the people on your Zoom meeting that it is just hot tea."



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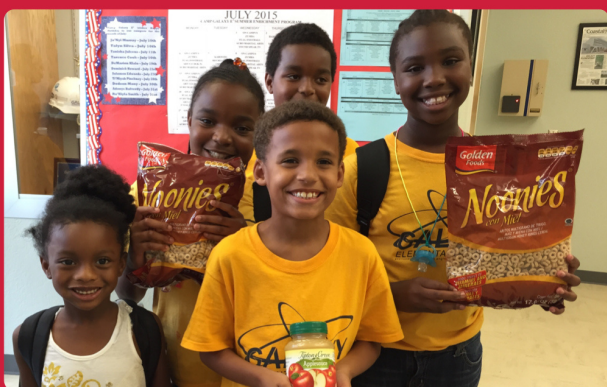
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Palm Beach County Food Bank's "Lois' Food4Kids" Program





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