



Our Daily Bread Food Pantry



A YEAR OF GROWTH AND GRATITUDE

2025

THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS

Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2025, we pause with grateful hearts to remember what is possible when committed people join together in service. We give thanks to the multiple investors, board members, volunteers, faith-based and community partners who joined together to celebrate a major milestone for Our Daily Bread Food Pantry – the opening of our new home at 1818 San Marco Road. With your help, our fully renovated permanent home is a place where hope, dignity, nourishment and encouragement greet our neighbors in need.

This newsletter also highlights many of our July– December 2025 activities and initiatives that were held to support our mission. We are profoundly grateful to all of our partners who helped us this year in various ways:

From our dedicated volunteers and investors who provided 52,728 carts of food through our Signature Saturday Pantry distribution alone – to generous supporters including NCH, Presenting Sponsor of our 2025 and 2026 Rhinestone Rodeo events and partner in our Pints & Pantries Project; Tamiami Ford, who Filled the Truck with nutritious food during Hunger Action and Awareness Month and continues to support us as an exclusive Rhinestone Rodeo Partner Sponsor; and Florida Blue Foundation, who selected Our Daily Bread Food Pantry as a recipient of its 3-year Food Security grant. This important investment makes our Nutrition Prescription Initiative possible, a collaboration with Healthcare Network that will serve Lipman Farm employees and their families and demonstrates our core belief that “Food is Medicine.”

These partnerships and acts of service demonstrate the strength of our caring community. Together, we filled shelves, lifted spirits, and moved into our improved and expanded headquarters. Thank you for making 2025 a year of growth and gratitude for everyone at ODBFP and for the children and families we serve.

With grateful appreciation,



Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan, EdD
Executive Director, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry
1818 San Marco Road, Marco Island



Our Team

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Please join ODBFP in welcoming these new team members who joined us in 2025.



Bill McCarrick
Board of Directors



Michael Swanick
Board of Directors



Neil Snyder
Board of Directors



Mary Beth Cummings
Administrative Manager

Our New Home: 1818 San Marco Road

2025 saw the successful conclusion of our 2-year - \$8 Million Capital Campaign and the opening of our fully renovated new headquarters. We are deeply grateful to Pat and Scot Kaufman, Steve and Barb Slaggie and all the many investors who made this possible – and our dedicated board of directors, capital campaign committee members and contractor Build for their outstanding support.



Allyson Richards, Nancy Kot, Steve and Barbara Slaggie, Scot and Pat Kaufman, Evelyn Rossetti-Ryan, Liz Pecora, Tiffany Homuth, Al Benarroch and Tarik Ayasun.



Lunch With Friends Celebrates 8 Years of Food & Friendship

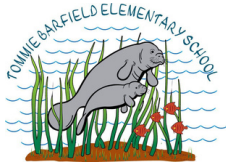


Lunch With Friends was co-founded in 2017 by Allyson Richards and Nancy Kot with support from Our Daily Bread Food Pantry founders Liz Pecora, JoAnne Lundquist and Vicki Johnson in partnership with Al's Pals and the YMCA of Marco Island. All three organizations are still active partners. with Marco Lutheran Church joining us and currently serving as the host site for the luncheon. The lunch is provided by a variety of sponsors representing restaurants and community groups – and new meal sponsors are always welcome!

“Our vision was to provide an opportunity for Marco Island residents over the age of 60 to gather, enjoy a tasty meal, and have an opportunity to socialize with new friends,” shared Nancy Kot, co-founder. Initially, the Lunch drew approximately 30 guests. Today, this event attracts over 200 guests during season. Lunch With Friends is held on the third Wednesday of the month from 11 am - 1 pm at the Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd. It is free to attend. To RSVP for an upcoming Lunch With Friends, email LunchWithFriends@gmail.com.



Our Community & Corporate Connections



Thank you Tommie Barfield Elementary School for collecting 551 boxes of cereal to help us feed families in need.



A special thanks to the J.W. Marriott for their significant contributions of over \$7,000 in financial donations and close to 200 pounds of food.



On November 5th, Lipman Farms employees joined our mobile pantry team, donating fresh produce, bringing good cheer and serving our neighbors at the Lely High School mobile pantry.



Many thanks to the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce for their ongoing support through food drives and promotion of our services and events. Their summer food drive collected nearly 2,700 pounds of food!



We are grateful for our Pints & Pantries Project event with NCH, offering both an ODBFP Food Drive and NCH Blood Drive that provided a convenient way to serve our community's health and hunger needs in one location.



Blessings for the Tamiami Ford Fill -A-Truck event held in support of Hunger Action Month in September that collected 800 pounds of nutritious food to feed hungry children and families in Collier County .



**Heartfelt thanks to Jim and Allyson Richards for hosting the 3rd Annual Cars and Cocktails event held in November 2025
(Pictured are Allyson Richards and Event MC Peter Karl)**

RETAIL EVENTS

Thank you to both Katheyn Jewelers and J. McLaughlin for hosting Sip & Shop events benefitting Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. And to CAVA for the generous donation from their soft opening.

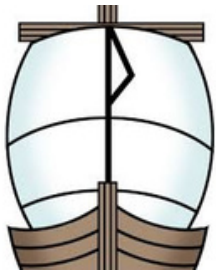
Our Partners in Faith and Food



Thank you for your long-standing belief in our mission and for being Our Daily Bread Food Pantry's home for our first nine years.



With Gratitude for your ongoing partnership and the multiple ways you continue to help our neighbors in need.



Many thanks to Marco Lutheran Church for joining with us throughout the years to help nourish Marco Island students and their families.



With appreciation to Marco Presbyterian Church for your generous support throughout the year.



We are grateful to New Life Church for joining with ODBFP to support our Pantry distributions of Baby Basics..



So grateful to the entire St. Mark's Episcopal Church community for their incredible generosity and friendship. Your contributions and many pounds of donated food have touched so many lives.



Thank you, Wesley United Methodist Church for your support throughout the year.

INVESTOR SPOTLIGHT



The Florida Blue Foundation has awarded Our Daily Bread Food Pantry a \$300,000 grant, one of only 8 in Florida for this grant cycle. This 3-year grant will fund our Nutrition Prescription Initiative, combining our nutritious Family Food Packs (a major portion of the grant will be used to purchase food) with nutrition education and information materials and training provided by Healthcare Network. HCN will also provide health screening events for Lipman Family Farms' employees and their families for this project.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR GRANT INVESTORS

Clark Family Foundation, Inc.
Collier Community Foundation
Collier Community Foundation – Marco Island Fund
Daniels Fund
Episcopal Charities Fund, Diocese of Southwest Florida
Florida Blue Foundation – Community Investment
Florida Blue Foundation – Food Security
Eagle Creek Florida Charities
Empty Bowls of Naples
Island Country Club Charitable Foundation
Macchia Family Foundation
Marco Lutheran Church Foundation
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