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Palmetto Food Drive Feb. 27th

Organizations Remind Locals: Pets are Hungry, Too!

Mayors' Feed the Hungry Partners with National PTSD Service Association

Palmetto, FL–February 8, 2021 – Mayors' Feed the Hungry is partnering with the National PTSD Service Association in a “Pets are Hungry, Too!” people and pet food drive. The food drive will benefit families and veterans struggling to feed their four-legged fur babies due to the COVID–19 crisis on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9AM to 12Noon, 1036 6th Street West Sutton Park in Palmetto.

Local Mayors and other officials will officiate a ceremony at 10 AM to celebrate the event.

"Our organization is proud to provide highly skilled service dogs to qualified military veterans with PTSD, empowering them to return to life with confidence and independence, says Sandra LaFlamme, president of the National PTSD Service Association. “We are delighted to team up with Mayors' Feed the Hungry for the Pets Are Hungry, Too! food drive."

The National PTSD Service Association and Mayors' Feed the Hungry both serve families and veterans throughout southwest Florida and understand the dire need to provide pet food assistance for families that are also trying to put food on the family table.

Mayors' Feed the Hungry will showcase their newly donated refrigerated truck, which was a gift of Impact 100 SRQ. The organization is now accepting all kinds of food: fresh, frozen, and non-perishable as well as pet food.

“Since our founding in 1987, the Mayor’s Feed the Hungry Program has collected and distributed over 600 tons of food and over \$4,000,000 in food gift cards given to the hungry in Sarasota and Manatee counties,” says executive director Scott Biehler. “It’s more than appropriate that we also consider the faithful companions who also need support.”

Please help us feed as many as you can. Make your tax-deductible donation now: Text the word GIVE to 941-275-203. Donate online at our secure website, [mayorsfeedthehungry.org/](https://www.mayorsfeedthehungry.org/) Mail a check to Mayors' Feed the Hungry, PO Box 1992, Sarasota FL 3423

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PTSD SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The National PTSD Service Association, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that provides service dogs by clinical referral at no cost to veterans and public safety personnel in need, empowering them to live fulfilled lives. With 22 suicides a day to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the National PTSD Service Association is providing a solution that works: highly trained service dogs for veterans and first responders with PTSD. To learn more, visit <https://www.nationalptsdserviceassociation.org/>.

ABOUT MAYORS' FEED THE HUNGRY

Since its beginning in 1987, the Mayors' Feed the Hungry Program has raised over 4 million dollars, feeding over 765,000 members in need throughout the local communities. This volunteer organization launched with the mission to collect funds and distribute them during the holiday season, and has since expanded to include food drives, community feedings and food gift cards for those in need. To learn more, visit <https://mayorsfeedthehungry.org/>.

ABOUT IMPACT100 SRQ

Impact100 SRQ is one of more than sixty chapters worldwide and joins its sister chapters in embracing the local collective giving model. Formed in 2017, Impact100 SRQ brings together a diverse group of women that annually fund transformational grants to local nonprofits in both Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The model is simple. At least 100 women each give a \$1,000 tax deductible donation, and together they collectively award grants in increments of at least \$100,000 to local nonprofits in five focus areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment & Recreation, Family and Health & Wellness. Each member's annual donation strengthens the power of giving and funds the innovative projects that make a high "Impact" and sustainable difference in our community. To learn more, visit <https://impact100srq.org>. The 2021 Impact100 SRQ Membership Drive is underway. [Click here to become a member.](#)

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