



The Harvest

Meeting the Need to Feed

Palm Beach Harvest
561-689-4090

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Summer's Over—It's Back to School



It's that time of year when we're getting back into the swing of schedules, homework, sports and all the things that keep us busy when summer's over. Moms, dads and grandparents are chauffeuring kids to all manner of activities from

ballet to soccer. We know many demands are being made on your time, so at this time of year we are especially grateful to our transporters who continue to pick up and deliver thousands of pounds of good, nutritious food to our partner agencies who share it with the **growing number of needy Palm Beach County residents.**

What do they get for donating their time to transporting the ever-growing base of donated food to its destinations? To our loyal transporters, the reward is knowing that because of you, a child, a family, a hungry neighbor will be fed today.

We can never thank our transporters enough. So once again, thank you so much, you who give so generously of your time, to make Palm Beach County a place where we give our fellow human beings a helping hand. Yet, the need grows. Please, volunteer to be a transporter of donated food, contributing as little as **two hours a week** so that needy children and adults can be fed today.

Transporters are the heart of Palm Beach Harvest. We need you to help us transport surplus food.

Of special note: there's an extreme need for transporters in the Boca Raton area.

Visit us on the Web at
www.palmbeachharvest.org

Palm Beach Harvest partners with local businesses and charitable agencies to provide transportation of donated food that would otherwise be thrown away to agencies who distribute it to homeless and needy people in Palm Beach County.

Contact Mike Winokur, 561-496-5221, to volunteer around Boca.

- ♥ Transporters commit to only about two hours of service per week.
- ♥ PBH does its best to pair routes with locations close to transporters' homes.
- ♥ Transporters should be able to lift as much as 40 pound boxes of food.
- ♥ If you have other expertise you can offer such as Excel spreadsheets for data entry of weight logs or marketing/public relations skills, you can help as well!

Please come to one of our **monthly orientation meetings held the second Monday of each month** where you can get your credentials to start lending a helping hand where **it's needed more than ever.** We're looking forward to seeing you at the next orientation meeting at Goodwill Industries.

Next Orientation Meeting October 9

- 6:00 p.m. at Goodwill Industries, 1715 Tiffany Drive East, West Palm Beach
- Directions: I-95, exit 45th Street, go east past Congress Avenue to Tiffany Drive East on the right, follow around to parking lot of Goodwill Industries.
- Call 561-689-4090 for information.

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- ◆ We made the cover! **Around Wellington** magazine is featuring Palm Beach Harvest in its November 2006 issue. Photographed on the cover will be a bevy of Palm Beach Harvest volunteers enjoying an early Thanksgiving holiday feast provided by **Benvenuto Caterestaurant** in Boynton Beach. Many thanks to Benvenuto for this generous gesture. Thanks also to **Art-Tech Studio** in Royal Palm Beach for donating photographic services.
- ◆ **Farm Share** has joined the list of generous donors to Palm Beach Harvest. This last month, they donated **21,000 pounds** of bananas and okra which was distributed to Faith Farm Ministries throughout Palm Beach and Broward County.
- ◆ **The Goo Goo Dolls** concert August 31 was a smash hit, and Palm Beach Harvest was there taking part in the canned food drive the Dolls sponsor for the local charities in cities they play. Arkis and Herbert McCray, Harold Hill, Deborah and Holly Morgan mugged for the camera along with the band at a meet & greet after the show. A great time was had by all!
- ◆ **The Builders' Club** at Crista McAuliff Middle School is showing their civic spirit by sponsoring a fund-raiser around the Thanksgiving holidays to benefit Palm Beach Harvest. They hope to raise funds to donate turkeys so that Palm Beach County's needy can have traditional dinners at Thanksgiving. Thanks, kids, you deserve a round of applause!
- ◆ **Pompano Lincoln-Mercury** is underwriting Palm Beach Harvest's participation in WayFest, sponsored by radio station 88.1 Way FM, November 11. It's an all-day event, featuring great bands like Third Day, David Crowder Band, Barlow Girl, Matthew West, Hyper Static Union and Downhere. The Kid's Zone will feature Ramp48 skate demos, a petting zoo, bounce houses, spin-art, face painting and other fun activities! Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com, Sound Advice Box Office, or by phone at 561-966-3309. Get free entrance to the event by volunteering for a two-hour shift at Palm Beach Harvest's booth! (first come first serve) Call 689-4090.

Thanks to our supporters who generously provide goods and services to Palm Beach Harvest

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Thanks to all our **zone coordinators and transporters** for a job well done! Help our Harvest volunteer data processors by mailing your weight logs promptly at the end of each month. A great effort of time and detail go into processing these weight logs. Please help us out by being on time.

Zones 1 and 2—zip codes 33403, 33404, 33407, 33408, 33410, 33412, 33418, 33422, 33458, 33469, 33477, 33478

Arkis & Herbert McCray,
561-396-3166
561-844-7502

Zone 3—zip codes 33401, 33409, 33417, 33413, 33480
Position Available—call today! 689-4090

Zones 4 and 5—zip codes 33405, 33406, 33415, 33460, 33461, 33462, 33463, 33467, 33411, 33414, 33470, **Cathy Owens, 561-632-5669**

Zones 6, 7 and 8—zip codes 33416, 33435, 33436, 33437, 33444, 33445, 33446, 33483, 33484, 33428, 33431, 33432, 33433, 33434, 33486, 33487, 33496, 33498

Mike Winokur
561-496-5221

Welcome to our new volunteers and agencies who have joined Palm Beach Harvest in its mission to feed needy people:

Volunteers

- Jodi Rosenbaum
- Cindy Leahy
- Vito Leonardi
- Joyce Waller
- Frank Waller
- Jennifer Williams
- Lynn Bowie
- Michael Henry
- Susan Martin
- Heather Coll
- Daniel Bartley
- Ann Bartley
- Joe Islat
- Gloria Osborne

Agencies

- Eglise Evangelique Luterienne Haitienne
- Oakwood Center
- Open and Outstretched Hand
- Pleasant City Beacon Center
- Project Hope
- Moore's Outreach
- Beulah Land
- Multilingual Psychotherapy Center
- Circle of Hope
- Division of Senior Services
- Arts And Compassion
- Hope In Action
- JITA Outreach

Palm Beach Harvest is straining at the seams to deliver its promise: *Meeting The Need to Feed*



Deborah Morgan, Palm Beach Harvest's Executive Director, offers her insights:

As the school year starts, I'm reminded of how I came to Palm Beach Harvest. Back in 1998, a chance encounter changed my life. I was interviewing first-graders to find out what kinds of foods they were eating at home. One little boy was very reluctant to talk to me. He seemed shy and withdrawn. I asked, "What did you have for breakfast?" He looked at the floor. "I didn't eat breakfast." "Why didn't you didn't eat?" (I thought, did you just get up too late?) After a pause, he answered, "**It wasn't my turn to eat today.**" I decided then that something had to be done to help him and the countless other children and adults who go without food right here in our own back yard. Palm Beach Harvest gave me that opportunity. Back then, PBH was a grass-roots, all-volunteer organization, a chapter of USA Harvest. We simply transported donated surplus food to local agencies who distributed it to hungry people through food kitchens providing meals or free grocery pickups. Since then both our donor base and the number of hungry people have grown tremendously, and we get large-scale donations that must be transported and refrigerated. Reluctantly, we've changed our scope and need funding for trucks, drivers, gas and refrigerated storage. So please, donate time and, if you can, your dime. Just fill out the form below or call with your pledge. It isn't right for our neighbors' children to go without food, but right next door, they do.

Thanks

Yes! I want to help Palm Beach Harvest with a contribution in the amount of

\$100/month \$50/month \$25/month \$20/month \$15/month
 \$10/month Other

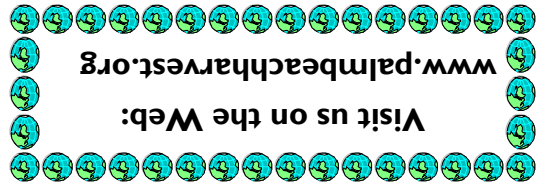
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Address _____

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Palm Beach Harvest Mission and Background

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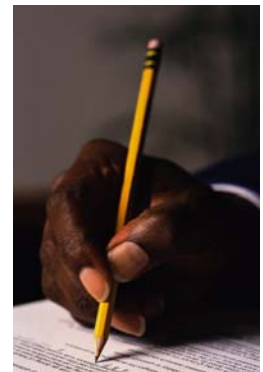
Palm Beach Harvest coordinates the transportation of surplus food from food donors to non-profit agencies throughout Palm Beach County.

Background

Palm Beach Harvest, a non-profit 501C organization, was founded in May 1998. It is an organization comprised of volunteers who donate their time to transporting donated food to non-profit charitable organizations. We officially began our first food pickups in January 1999. We are a chapter of USA Harvest, a national organization founded in Kentucky in 1988.

Goals

Palm Beach Harvest is striving to bring to the public awareness of the devastating problem of ever-growing congenital hunger and poverty in Palm Beach County. While attempting to partner with and liaison between food-producing and distributing business who must dispose of millions of pounds of good food daily and transport it to agencies who can distribute it to those in need, Palm Beach Harvest also wants to make the public more knowledgeable and accountable for alleviating this problem at the grass roots level.



Have a happy and healthy school year, and please don't forget those in need.

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