

Thank You! Together, We Have Made an IMPACT!



Impact Report 2020



Dear Friends,

Wow! This past year was an unimaginable year for each and every one of us. We never could have predicted the many impacts the pandemic would have on our community, our state, our country, and the world. We are grateful for the support of so many whose faithful giving has allowed us to deepen our reach in Manatee County through our COVID-19 Emergency Relief efforts.

Together, we made a tremendous impact in 2020 thanks to the support of our donors and volunteers. As we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 and food-insecurity in Manatee County, we anticipate a long runway ahead.

We are thankful for your concern to help those who are in need and for joining us on our journey to feed our neighbors. Together, we provide hope and together, we can Feed Manatee!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maribeth Phillips'.

Maribeth Phillips
President & CEO
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee





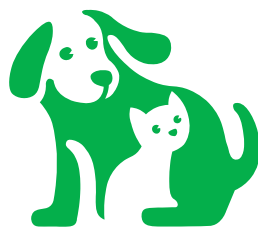
VOLUNTEERS: Over 19,400 hours were served by over 1,000 volunteers to make the mission of Meals on Wheels PLUS come to life in 2020. The value of this contributed time is nearly \$500,000!



HOME-DELIVERED MEALS



Over **267,000** meals were served to homebound and disabled residents in 2020.



An average of **35 clients** each month also received pet food for their furry companions in 2020.

Client increase of 69% since the end of February 2020.



➔ +69%



Nearly **67,000 pounds of fresh produce**



were distributed through our Produce on Wheels Program. This program was made possible thanks to funding from Bank of America and Manatee Community Foundation.



Meals on Wheels PLUS distributed over **11,200 meals to seniors** through the restaurant initiative. In March, the Department of Elder Affairs encouraged organizations serving seniors to partner with restaurants hurting from COVID-19 closures to provide food for those in need. Thank you to local restaurants Pier 22, Popi's Place, and The Granary for partnering with us to feed seniors in our community!



Our Home-delivered Meals program delivers food to homebound and disabled residents in Manatee County.



Over **13,400 phone calls** were made in 2020 to check on the wellbeing of our clients through our Telephone Reassurance Program.



Volunteers utilized **64 routes** to deliver meals to homebound and disabled residents across Manatee County.

We delivered our **11 millionth meal** in Manatee County in 2020.



Over **1,550 Holiday Shoeboxes**, filled with essentials to bring holiday joy, were distributed throughout Manatee County.



THE FOOD BANK OF MANATEE



Your local food bank relies 100% on the support of the community to meet the rising needs in Manatee County.

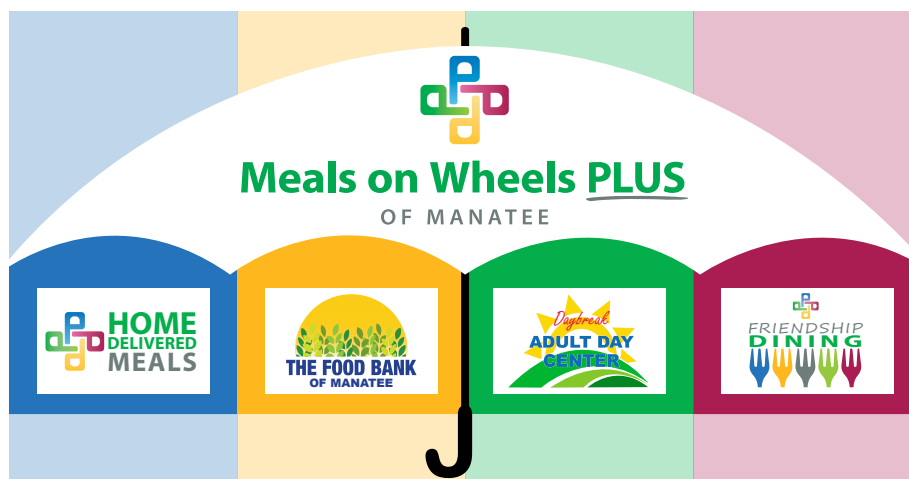
- ◆ Over **3,061,000 pounds** of food distributed.
- ◆ Averaged **85 partner agencies** each month in 2020, all who rely on the food they receive from The Food Bank of Manatee to help their clients and run their programs. Our partner agencies are experiencing increases related to the pandemic, some seeing a 100% increase in the number of clients coming to them for food.
- ◆ In response to the **COVID-19 pandemic** and in partnership with the School District of Manatee, Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee initiated a new program called **Food4Families** to help meet the critical need to provide food for families in Manatee County. In 2020, this program provided over **780,000 meals to Manatee County families** in need. This program continues in 2021.
- ◆ Over **16,700 pounds of fresh produce** was provided to families through the **Mobile Produce Pantry**, made possible with funding from United Way Suncoast.
- ◆ Over **1,600 emergency baby baskets** containing diapers, formula, and wipes were provided to Manatee County residents.
- ◆ Developed **partnerships across Manatee County**, including outreach in Rubonia, Myakka City, and Oneco, to help feed food-insecure families.



OUR MISSION

To assist individuals to live independently by providing nutrition and caring, supportive services.

BECAUSE WE ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN MEALS!



To learn more about Meals on Wheels PLUS and our COVID-19 relief efforts, visit

www.MealsOnWheelsPLUS.org

Together, #WeFeedManatee

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