

THE *Hope* REPORT

from Hope Villages of America Addressing Hunger + Housing + Abuse

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Pinellas County Clerk of Court Check Presentation

Hope Villages of America extends a heartfelt thank you to the incredible employees of the Pinellas County Clerk of Courts! Your compassion and dedication to supporting the victims of domestic violence in Pinellas County have left us in awe.

We are overjoyed to announce the generous donation of \$5,051.10, presented with utmost kindness and solidarity. Your commitment to making a positive impact in our community speaks volumes, and we are truly honored to have your longstanding support.

This contribution will go a long way in providing crucial assistance to those affected by domestic violence, offering them a glimmer of hope and the resources they need to rebuild their lives.



Channel 10 Interview

Hope Villages of America had the opportunity to meet with Channel 10 for an interview about the spirit of Giving Tuesday and the profound impact of community support.

Our interview sheds light on the critical services we provide to those in need, and we are immensely grateful for the chance to showcase the important work happening at Hope Villages.

Thank you Channel 10 for graciously allowing us to share our story and emphasize the significance of giving back to our community. Your platform is instrumental in spreading awareness and inspiring others to join hands in making a positive difference.



Make More Happen Award Check Presentation

Hope Villages of America is thrilled and deeply honored to express our heartfelt thanks to Solace Insurance for nominating us for the Make More Happen Award from Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance.

We're excited to share the wonderful news that we've been chosen as a recipient of this prestigious award, and we're beyond thankful to Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance for their generous \$10,000 donation! This support will go a long way in fueling our mission to provide help and hope to our community.

Solace Insurance, your belief in our cause and commitment to making a positive impact are truly remarkable. This award from Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance is not just a financial boost; it's a testament to the power of collective efforts in creating meaningful change.

To our incredible community and supporters, thank you for being the driving force behind our work. Your unwavering support empowers us to continue making a difference, one life



Clearwater Marine Aquarium Tour

A warm welcome to the passionate staff from Clearwater Marine Aquarium who visited us for an insightful tour. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the impactful work we're doing right here in Pinellas County.

During the visit, we had the chance to exchange ideas, discuss our respective missions, and explore potential collaborations. It's heartening to see organizations coming together to learn and support one another for the betterment of our community.

At Hope Villages, we believe in the power of collaboration, and these shared experiences only strengthen our commitment to making a positive impact. We're grateful for the opportunity to broaden our network and deepen our connections with like-minded organizations.



Fall Lunch with President & CEO Nick DiCeglie

A round of applause for our extraordinary President and CEO! Not only does he lead with passion and vision, but he also knows his way around the kitchen.

A big THANK YOU to Nick for treating the team to a mouthwatering Italian feast. Your leadership is the catalyst that propels our organization forward, and your culinary skills add that extra touch of flavor to our journey.

We're not just a team; we're a family, and moments like these remind us of the warmth and camaraderie that makes our workplace special.

Together, we're not just achieving success; we're savoring every moment of it!



Hope for the Holidays Interview

We're thrilled to share the highlights from our recent interviews with ABC Action News, Fox, Channel 10, and CBS, where we delved into the heart of our Hope for the Holidays Campaign.

In a powerful and moving segment, our very own survivor turned volunteer, Barbara Mellen, courageously shared her story, shedding light on why this campaign holds immense importance for those affected by domestic violence. Her resilience and commitment to making a difference inspire us all.

Our CEO, Nick DiCeglie, also took the stage to address the challenges faced by many individuals and families during the holiday season, emphasizing the critical role our campaign plays in bringing hope and support to those in need.

These interviews are more than just media coverage; they're a collective call to action. Let's join hands in making the holidays brighter for everyone. Missed the interview? Catch the inspiring conversations [here](#).

There's still time to support this campaign. Visit our [website](#) to learn more!



Strategic Partners Tampa Bay Meeting

A heartfelt thank you to Strategic Partners Tampa Bay, LLC for the warm invitation extended to our phenomenal COO, Melinda Perry!

Melinda shared profound insights into our organization, elaborating on the array of services we provide to over 150,000 Pinellas County residents annually.

These moments of collaboration are crucial in fostering community connections and spreading awareness about the vital work we do.



Youth Leadership Pinellas Visit

We enjoyed having the incredible members of Youth Leadership Pinellas join us at the Food Bank during their Human Service Day!

During their visit, this dynamic group not only learned about the vital work we're doing in the community but also actively participated in our Hunger 101 activity. Their engagement and enthusiasm were truly uplifting!

Thank you, Youth Leadership Pinellas, for investing your time to understand the impact of hunger in our community and for taking part in our efforts to make a difference. Your commitment to learning and service is a beacon of hope for the future.



CURRENT EVENTS

Join us in sharing the warmth and joy of the season!

HOPE
for the
Holidays

[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/hopevillagesofamerica) [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/hopevillagesofamerica) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/hopevillagesofamerica) [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/hopevillagesofamerica)

[hopevillagesofamerica.org/donate](https://www.hopevillagesofamerica.org/donate)
ADDRESSING HUNGER + HOUSING + ABUSE

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE Today!

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Addressing Hunger + Housing + Abuse

The holiday season offers a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate. Share the gift of hope this holiday by making a meaningful donation!

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CANSTRUCTION CONTEST

Calling all families, businesses, organizations, clubs, churches, sports teams, or anyone in Tampa Bay:

Start assembling your team and help us stock the Hope Villages of America Food Bank with canned goods for our neighbors in need while you CANstruct a cool design!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1-21: Gather your team/canned goods
January 22-26: Construct your design

We'll schedule a visit to each team's creation, take photos, and choose a winner at the end of the month. Good luck!

Contact us for more information: events@hopevillagesofamerica.org



STAFF & VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



Meet Nicole Maher

In this edition of our newsletter, we shine the spotlight on Nicole Maher, a dedicated member of our team. Nicole has been an invaluable part of our organization for the past 4 and a half years and has recently earned a well-deserved promotion to Manager at the Haven.

Nicole's passion for her role is truly inspiring. She believes that the best part of her job is helping the women under her care become the best they can be. Her mission is to empower them to be strong, independent women and help them recognize and harness their inner strengths.

For Nicole, it's about those heartwarming moments of connection, whether it's shedding tears together or sharing joyous laughter with the women she supports. Above all, it's about letting them know they are safe now and guiding them as they embark on new journeys.

She finds immense fulfillment in witnessing the transformation in these women as they achieve their goals, secure jobs, or find new homes. Knowing that she is instrumental in their positive changes and witnessing them begin a new chapter in their lives is what keeps her motivated and committed.

In her well-deserved free time, Nicole enjoys monthly camping trips with her husband, indulges in crafting and craft shows with her daughter, and finds creative expression in designing embroidery patterns that she shares on her Etsy page.

A lover of the great outdoors, Nicole also enjoys kayaking, shelling, hiking, and basking in the beauty of nature. Her passion for her work and her zest for life are truly commendable. One intriguing fact about Nicole is her extraordinary journey of achievements. Her oldest child was just 5 months old when she proudly graduated from high school. Nicole's determination and commitment didn't stop there. She continued her education and graduated from college when her oldest child was 7 years old. Now, as her eldest child is about to celebrate their 32nd birthday next week, we're reminded of Nicole's incredible dedication to both her family and her personal growth.

We are fortunate to have Nicole as a part of our team, making a profound impact in the lives of those we serve.



Meet David Van Hoven

We are delighted to shine the spotlight on one of our incredible volunteers, David Van Hoven. David has been a dedicated member of our volunteer team since January 2023.

When we asked David how he got involved with our organization, his response was both heartfelt and inspiring. He shared that his motivation to give back to the community led him to research volunteer opportunities, which is when he discovered Hope Villages of America. David's desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others led him to become a valued member of our volunteer community.

In his free time, David enjoys playing golf and embarking on hikes with his spouse. Exploring different parks and immersing himself in the beauty of nature brings him a sense of fulfillment and peace.

David brings a wealth of experience to our team, having been in the food waste recycling business for many years. His perspective on the importance of waste reduction and community support is truly invaluable.

He believes strongly in the significance of giving back to the community as it helps him stay grounded. David's understanding of the challenges faced by many in our community drives his dedication to making a difference. He recognizes that there are people less fortunate than him, and he believes it is crucial to extend a helping hand to those in need.

One of the aspects of his volunteering that David finds particularly rewarding is seeing the rescued food from different grocery stores being used to nourish individuals and families in our community. He is a firm believer in reducing food waste and ensuring that this valuable resource is put to good use.

Thank you, David, for your selflessness, your dedication, and your unwavering commitment to giving back. Your presence is a source of inspiration to us all!

Advancement & Communications

97%

Grants awarded vs. goal

\$2.5M YTD

NOVEMBER 2023



1,560

Volunteer Hours



3.8K

Followers



1.9K

Followers

9.8K

Impressions

402K

Impressions

8

Media Placements

Mission Impact

YEAR-TO-DATE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION and BASIC NEEDS

67,199

individuals served

938,024

lbs of food given directly to people

3,553,291

lbs food given to area agencies

543,234

lbs of fresh produce distributed

ABUSE SERVICES

7,453

safe nights for women and children
at the Safe House

3,299

individuals helped with services
provided though the Outreach Center

1,644

hotline calls received

3,653

participants in Peacemaker and
Youth Advocate presentations

HOMELESS PREVENTION PROJECT + HOUSING STABILITY SERVICES

Homeless
Outreach Services

1,355

Goldsmith Gardens
+ The Oaks

58

adults and children living in affordable housing
operated by Hope Villages of America
(households)