



## From the Depths of our Gratitude: Thanks to You!

Embracing the spirit of philanthropy, multiple businesses came forward and made donations to help us with our mission ~ feeding those in need. We would like to thank the Dixie-Gilchrist-Levy Association of REALTORS® who demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the local community by presenting a significant contribution to the Children's Table. The heartfelt donation, delivered to Mr. Bill, will undoubtedly provide vital support and festive cheer to families in need during this joyous season.

We would also like to thank Heart Care Imaging Inc, of Tequesta, Florida for their donation. Additionally, we would like to thank Whitney Perkins Team of Keller Williams Gainesville Realty. Likewise, a very big thank you going out to all other who make our work possible.

This act of generosity exemplifies these businesses longstanding dedication to fostering a brighter future for children, and their impactful contribution will undoubtedly resonate within the Bronson community.



Happy New Year 2024 - A time to serve

The Children's Table Food Bank stands against hunger with open arms. Becoming a volunteer at The Children's Table is more than just packing groceries; it's becoming a beacon of hope for families facing food insecurity. Imagine the smile on a child's face when you hand them a fresh apple, the relief in a parent's eyes as they fill their pantry, and the strength you build in our community, one volunteer hour at a time.

Join us, and be the change that nourishes, the helping hand that lifts, the difference that fills a plate and fills a heart. Our community needs you, The Children's Table needs you, and those struggling families need you most. Step up, step in, and volunteer today.

Invest in Positive Change: Your generosity empowers The Children's Table to expand its reach and offer more than just food. Every dollar, every can, every volunteer hour contributes to a powerful movement against hunger. You become a force for good, one bite at a time. Visit our web site, call today, or just stop by and donate your time. Every effort helps us - help them!



From the Children's Table with hearts full of gratitude...

This year, we've witnessed something extraordinary: over 1.5 million meals shared, smiles ignited, and hope nourished around our community's tables. And it wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you.

Thank you!

Every time you joined our distributions, you brought kindness, connection, and a flicker of light that warmed the lives of countless individuals. You reminded us that compassion is the most potent ingredient, and that together, we can build a table strong enough for everyone.

So as we close this chapter and look towards a new year, we carry your generosity as a torch. We are forever grateful for the village it takes to feed a child, and you, dear friends, are at the heart of it.

With deepest appreciation,

The Children's Table Family

Happy New Year 2024

## In memory of Alfreda Freeman

The Children's Table mourns the loss of Alfreda Freeman, "Ms. Freda," whose 25 years of volunteer service, board leadership, and unwavering compassion shaped our organization. Rest in peace, Ms. Freda. Your legacy lives on in the work we will continue to do in your honor. Her story is interwoven with the very fabric of our existence. More below:



**Once there were only two: Today, we have over 75 regular volunteers who help us continue our mission.**

Pictured left Mr. Bill, and Ms. Freda standing beside our Food Distribution bus. Ms. Freda was instrumental in creating our bus routes, ensuring that even those in the most remote corners of our community had access to nourishing meals.

Pictured left Mr. Bill, Ms. Verna and Center is Ms. Freda proudly holding her prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award.

Ms. Freda's unwavering commitment to serving others was recognized by the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award, a shining testament to a life dedicated to compassion.



Ms. Freda was more than just a volunteer at The Children's Table; she was the heart and soul of our organization. Witnessing the struggles of others, Ms. Freda didn't just accept help; she took action. She immediately volunteered, dedicating thousands of hours to building The Children's Table into the vital resource it is today. Her warm smile and unwavering encouragement were a beacon of hope for countless families facing food insecurity. In 1996, her tireless efforts were recognized with the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award, a testament to her unwavering commitment to serving others. While words cannot express the depth of our grief, we find solace in knowing that Ms. Freda lived a life of profound purpose. This year alone, The Children's Table served over 1.5 million meals to 80,000 people in need – a testament to the legacy she leaves behind. We believe Ms. Freda would be incredibly proud of this milestone. Her compassion, her tireless work ethic, and her unwavering belief in the power of community have touched countless lives and will continue to inspire us for generations to come. Rest in peace, Ms. Freda. You will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you today to ask for your help in supporting The Children's Table. We are an independent food bank that provides food and other resources to families in need in rural north central Florida. We do not receive government grants, subsidies, or outside funding. We rely on the contributions of local folks like yourself.

Your contributions are essential to our ability to continue providing food to those in need. Every dollar you donate helps us to purchase food, provide transportation to food distribution sites, and offer other resources to families in need.

I know that times are tough for everyone right now, but I hope that you will consider making a donation to The Children's Table. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of hungry children and families in our community.

Thank you for your caring and support.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Bill  
Co-founder, The Children's Table

