

94-year-old man in Levy County receives national award nominations



Mr. Bill received National News Coverage this week being nominated for the CNN Heroes Award: Bill Brown, also known as Mr. Bill, has turned his small home garden into a food bank for families in Levy County. He has 30 years of community service under his belt, feeding thousands of people a week at The Children's Table rural foodbank.

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
CNN HEROES



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Local Philanthropist Nominated for CNN Heroes Award Goes Viral Nationwide

In a remarkable turn of events, Mr. Bill Brown, the co-founder of The Children's Table Rural Food Bank found himself in the national spotlight after being nominated for the prestigious CNN Heroes Award last week.

Mr. Bill Goes Viral! News Channels across the US announce his nomination as a CNN Hero 2024

Mr. Brown's CNN Heroes Award nomination swiftly gained attention, prompting an exclusive interview with local reporter Emma Delamo at The Children's Table Bronson location. The community buzzed with excitement as the interview showcased Mr. Bill's dedication. The next day, calls flooded in from friends and family nationwide, with supporters from West Virginia, Texas, and Oregon expressing pride after seeing Mr. Brown on their evening news.



The Children's Table Rural Food Bank in Bronson has long provided hope amid food insecurity. Mr. Bill and his dedicated team's efforts, recognized by a CNN Heroes Award nomination, have significantly impacted countless lives. The national support has not only lifted team spirits but also emphasized the need to address broader food insecurity issues. As news spreads, Mr. Bill Brown symbolizes inspiration and community service, echoing the essence of the CNN Heroes Award. Bronson's united community cheers for him, celebrating resilience and kindness in small towns. The journey from a local interview to a nationwide sensation underscores the power of community-driven initiatives and dedicated individuals fostering positive change.

To submit your nomination for the Awards Program log on to www.cnnheroes.com and fill out the submission form providing all required contact information for you and your nominee. Nominations MUST be submitted online. Mail-in nominations will not be accepted. Nominations must be submitted on behalf of another person. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations must be received no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 31, 2024.

Consider your hero's uniqueness and notable achievements. Reflect on the remarkable impact of their work on others. Watch previous CNN Heroes videos to understand the achievements of everyday individuals, like our own Bill Brown, who are changing the world.

1st BARN SALE FUND RAISER OF 2024



Save the date for our upcoming Children's Table fundraiser!

Join us on March 1st and 2nd at 680 West Thrasher Drive in Bronson for a highly anticipated event. It's an opportunity to replenish essential items while contributing to a meaningful cause.

March 1st and 2nd 8am-2pm



The Children's Table - Community Garden - Coming soon!



The air will buzz with excitement as Mr. Bill expertly steers the plow, marking the first rows of what will promise to be a vibrant tapestry of vegetables, herbs, and laughter. This community-driven project will aim to cultivate much more than just produce; it will aspire to nurture connections, knowledge, and a sense of shared purpose.

But the harvest of potential will require more than just sunshine and seeds. The Children's Table team will invite you to lend your talents and enthusiasm to this burgeoning endeavor. Will you possess skills that could help this blossom? Perhaps you will wield a mean trowel, possess a wizardry with weeds, or hold a treasure trove of gardening wisdom. Whatever your gift, Mr. Bill will welcome you with open arms (and possibly even a rake) at 352-486-6525.

And for budding green thumbs of all ages, fear not! Gardening classes will be on the horizon, perfectly suited for homeschoolers eager to get their hands dirty and learn the secrets of the soil. Remember, a thriving garden thrives on shared passion and effort. So, step into the sunshine, lend your spade, and be part of something bigger than yourself. Let's watch this community garden grow, leaf by leaf, bloom by bloom, into a verdant testament to the power of shared dreams and green thumbs.



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Thank You UF Volunteers for helping!



Volunteers from HOPE at UF facilitated food distribution on Monday, November 6, 2023. Moving forward, the group will actively participate in our initiatives monthly until the conclusion of the semester. We express our gratitude for the unwavering hard work and dedication displayed by these volunteers in support of our small rural food bank.