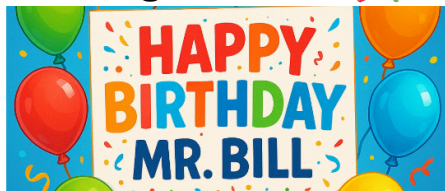




## 96 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES: Mr. Bill's 96th Birthday Bash - A Huge Success!



**American Legion Post 383**

### Bill & Verna Brown front center, American Legion

### Post 383 Riders and Staff Celebrate Mr. Bill's 96'th

Wow! What an unforgettable day celebrating our very own Mr. Bill Brown's 96th birthday this past Saturday at the Bronson Elementary cafeteria! 🎉

Guests browsed and bid in our silent auction, packed with items donated by generous local businesses (THANK YOU for the love!). And the cake auction? Let's just say the pineapple upside-down cake was the star of the show—one even went for \$200! 🍰 Big thanks to our awesome auctioneer Jim Switt who kept the bidding exciting and full of laughs.



Mr. Bill was surprised and deeply moved by the turnout and kind words. He truly felt the love—and we're pretty sure he had the biggest smile in the room all day.

We were overwhelmed (in the best way!) by the outpouring of love and support from our amazing community. Friends of The Children's Table, local families, and longtime supporters all came together to honor the man who has given so much to others. ❤️



### Honor Guard, honoring our hero

The celebration kicked off with a touching honor ceremony by the Honor Guard, followed by a special moment when the Veteran Riders Club of Old Town and the American Legion Post 383 presented Mr. Bill with a pin to thank him for his military service. 🇺🇸 The gesture was met with a standing ovation and deep appreciation from all in attendance. Even more heartwarming—the American Legion also gifted a check to support The Children's Table. What a beautiful way to give back to someone who's given so much!

### Singing with Heart: Mr. Bill and the Bronson Community Choir

🎵 The Bronson Community Choir



—many of whom are longtime volunteers—filled the room with joy and harmony. 🎵

Their performance brought smiles all around and made the day even more memorable. These fine folks have been closely involved with The Children's Table since the very beginning, and their continued support means the world to us.

We were honored to have the local media join us for Mr. Bill's 96th birthday celebration at the Bronson Elementary School cafeteria. Channel 20 News came out to capture the joy, music, and community spirit that filled the room. From the cake auction to the heartfelt performances, every moment was a testament to Mr. Bill's impact on our community.

Later that evening, we were thrilled to see Mr. Bill featured on the TV news—his smile lighting up the screen just as it had at the event. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special, and to Channel 20 for helping share Mr. Bill's story with a wider audience.

## Upcoming Food Distribution!



## Volunteer Spotlight May 2025

Food Distribution SCHEDULE – May 2025 5/01/2025						
Emergency Needs? Call 352-486-5425 - ChildrensTable.org Donate Today!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Make a positive impact: Volunteer Today! Call for info.	28 Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM <b>MONDAYS</b> 10 AM-12 PM 680 Thrasher Drive Bronson	29 April 	30 April 	1 Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM 	2 <b>Join our Bus for Mobile Food Distributions FRIDAYS</b> 10:00 Archer - Davis Center, 17500 SW Archer Rd, Archer, 11:30 Williston - Masonic Lodge 250 NW 6th Blvd. Highway 121 1:00 Gainesville - Countryside Baptist Church 10926 NW 39th Avenue 	3 Mr. Bill's 96th B-Day Celebration 1-4PM Bronson Elementary School Cafe]
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## Did You Know?

### Many Children in Our Community Are Living in Poverty

In the tri-county area of Levy, Gilchrist, and Dixie Counties, far too many of our youngest neighbors are facing hunger and hardship.

- In Levy County, over 32% of children under 18 live below the poverty line.
- In Dixie County, the number is nearly identical—32.7% of children face the same struggle.
- Even in Gilchrist County, which has slightly lower numbers, nearly 1 in 5 school-aged children live in poverty.

These numbers represent more than statistics—they are real children right here in our own neighborhoods, many of whom go to bed hungry or without basic necessities.

At The Children's Table, we work every day to provide food, support, and hope to these families—but we can't do it without you.

## You Can Help!

Your donation makes an immediate difference. Every \$10 helps us feed an entire family with a week's worth of groceries. And thanks to our dedicated volunteers and community partnerships, we stretch every dollar to serve as many families as possible.

♥ Please consider donating today through our website: [www.thechildrenstable.org/donate](http://www.thechildrenstable.org/donate)

Together, we can ensure that no child in our community goes hungry. Thank you for your support.

Your Donations Help Us - Help Our Community! Call, Visit our Website or mail your tax deductible donation to: P.O. Box 222 Bronson, FL 32621



As Memorial Day approaches, we are especially grateful for the many veterans who volunteer their time and talents at The Children's Table. These dedicated men and women have already served our country with honor, and now continue to serve their community with that same unwavering commitment—helping distribute food, organize donations, and support families in need. Their presence is a steady reminder of the power of service and the strength found in compassion. On this day of remembrance, we honor those who gave their lives for our freedom and extend our deepest appreciation to the veterans who continue to make a difference right here at home. Their efforts help us feed hundreds of families each week, and their example inspires everyone around them. We thank them not only for their past sacrifices, but for the hope and stability they bring to our mission every day.