

The Children's Table

Pea Picking Saturday Was a Hit—Now We Need You!



One of the highlights of June was our Pea Picking Saturday, where we invited local families out to the farm to pick fresh peas and take them home—completely free. It was a beautiful, joy-filled day with laughter in the rows, kids learning where food comes from, and neighbors helping neighbors. Events like this remind us of the power of community and the value of growing our own food.

But the garden doesn't grow itself.

We need YOU to help keep this project going strong. Whether you can plant, weed, water, harvest, or teach—there's a place for you here. Call 352-721-5406 today and ask how you can get involved. We're looking for someone to assist with all aspects of our community garden. Are you that someone? Let's grow something amazing—together.



In the photo to the right, you'll see 96-year-old Mr. Bill out mowing the lawn at our Community Garden on a hot June morning—just look at him go! His dedication and energy are nothing short of inspiring. At an age when most would be slowing down, Mr. Bill shows up, gets on the mower, and gets the job done with a smile. He reminds us that age is just a number when you have purpose and heart. If he can do it, so can we—come join us at the garden and be part of something truly special.

Still Mowing at 96 – Mr. Bill and Our Garden Keep Growing!

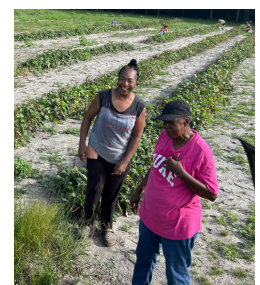
Our community garden in Williston is flourishing, and it's all thanks to the incredible hard work of our volunteers and the guiding spirit of Mr. Bill. In just the past year, this vibrant five-acre space has produced over 1,000 pounds of fresh, healthy vegetables—food that has gone straight to the tables of families in need. What started as a hopeful idea has blossomed into a hands-on learning space, where people of all ages come together to explore gardening, sustainability, and self-reliance. With continued guidance from the UF Master Gardeners and support from local teachers, we're growing more than crops—we're growing confidence and community. As our free classes expand, so does our impact. This garden is more than a source of food; it's a place where roots are planted, in the soil and in the hearts of everyone who takes part.

Dig In: Volunteer Opportunities on the Farm

There's always something growing at our Williston farm—and we're not just talking about vegetables. With every seed we plant, we're building stronger connections, teaching valuable skills, and feeding families who need it most. But we can't do it alone! We need volunteers to help us harvest, especially during our lively "picking days," where folks of all ages gather to collect fresh produce straight from the field. Want to get involved? Give Mr. Bill a call at 352-486-6525 to find out when we'll be picking next. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates, volunteer opportunities, and garden news. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just curious, we'd love to have you join us—come grow with us!

Support Our Farm - Help Us Grow!

Your time or financial contributions make a real difference. Every hour volunteered and every dollar donated helps us grow, harvest, and distribute fresh food to families who need it most. With your support, we can reach more people, offer more classes, and keep our programs running strong. Together, we're feeding hope and building a stronger community.





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🍏 Upcoming Food Distribution! 🍏



☀️ Volunteer Spotlight July 2025 ☀️

Food Distribution SCHEDULE – July 2025 7/01/2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Make a positive impact: Volunteer Today! Call for info.	Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM MONDAYS 10 AM-12 PM 680 Thrasher Drive Bronson	1	2	3 Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM Volunteer	4 HAPPY Fourth of July NO FOOD DISTRIBUTION - NOT COMING TO SOUTH LOCATIONS TODAY SEE YOU 7-18	5
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Thank you to all of our amazing summer volunteers! Whether you've joined us out at the farm pulling weeds and picking vegetables under the hot sun, helped load and unload food on our busy bus runs, or worked quietly behind the scenes at one of our other locations—we see you, and we are so deeply grateful. Every role you've filled has been essential in helping us get food to families who need it most. Your time, your energy, and your commitment to serving others have not gone unnoticed.

It takes a whole crew to make this happen, and each one of you is a valued part of The Children's Table family. If you haven't had the chance to volunteer yet—or if you're ready to jump back in—we welcome you. There's always work to be done and always room for one more. Come help us continue to feed and care for our community.

Did You Know?

In north central and northwest Florida, nearly 1 in 4 children live below the poverty line—a rate higher than the national average. In rural counties like Levy, Dixie, and Gilchrist, limited access to stable jobs, reliable transportation, and affordable groceries makes it even more difficult for families to meet basic needs. Children growing up in poverty are more likely to face food insecurity, struggle academically, and suffer long-term health consequences.

The Children's Table exists to help close those gaps—by providing food, support, and hope for a better future. Every meal we deliver means a child doesn't go to bed hungry. Every helping hand makes our mission possible. We can't do it alone—your support today helps feed families and changes lives tomorrow.

You Can Help! Pal Pal 1x per month or Cash App - HELP TODAY!

Your donation has a direct and powerful impact. Just \$10 allows us to provide a week's worth of groceries to an entire family. With the help of our incredible volunteers and strong community partnerships, we make every dollar go further—reaching more families and filling more tables.

💛 Please consider donating today through our website: 📧 www.thechildrenstable.org/donate

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

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