

### OCTOBER 2025 News

# TOBER 2025 News The Children's Table

#### **Over 3 Million Pounds of Food Rescued and Shared!**



This year, The Children's Table reached an incredible milestone—over 3 million pounds of food saved from landfills and shared with families in need across North Central Florida. Every box of produce, every pallet of canned goods, and every bag of bread represents food that might have gone to waste, but instead, it has gone directly onto the tables of neighbors who need it most.

This achievement isn't possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the support of our community partners. From early morning pickups at grocery stores to long hours of sorting, packing, and distributing, it takes a team of caring hands to keep this mission moving.

#### Join Us as a Volunteer-Make Friends, Have Fun, Change Lives!



But the need keeps growing, and so does the work. We need more volunteers to join us—especially at our main site in Bronson on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM (680 West Thrasher Drive). Whether you can lift boxes, pack bags, or simply lend a smile to families coming through the line, you'll make a real difference.

Together, we are proving that food doesn't have to be wasted and that no one in our community should go hungry.

#### **FREE Master Gardener Classes: November Planting**



We're excited to announce two upcoming Master Gardener classes at our Teaching Garden, located at 17950 NE 53rd Lane, Williston, FL 32696. Join us on Saturday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 19 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM for hands-on learning in the garden! We'll be transplanting small plants, exploring soil health, and of course—getting our hands a little dirty. registration is required, so don't wait—call us today at 352-721-5406 or sign up online at www.childrenstable.org.



These classes will be led by Master Gardener Barbara L. Edmonds, whose years of experience bring invaluable knowledge to anyone eager to learn. Barbara, with the University of Florida's IFAS Levy County Extension Center, along with the Nature Coast Master Gardeners, will be on-site to guide participants through transplanting techniques and provide hands-on instruction, ensuring a practical and enriching gardening experience for all skill levels.

#### **NEW LOCATION! Fanning Springs & Old Town Food Distributions & Impact Update**



September was another busy month at The Children's Table, and thanks to our volunteers and community supporters, we've served thousands of families across North Central Florida. Our bus routes continue to reach neighbors in need, including our new Fanning Springs run at Bible Ministries 7110 US-19, Fanning Springs next stop October 21st 9:30AM-10:30 and regular stops in Old Town at Old Town Methodist Church 25633 SE Hwy 19, Old Town, 11AM-12

So far this year, we've provided over 1.8 million meals to families who might otherwise go hungry. Your \$10 donations help keep these distributions running smoothly, but no one is ever turned away—everyone is welcome to receive a hand up when they need it most.



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Food Distribution SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2025 10/01/2025						
352-721-5406 Volunteer Opportunities ask for Stacey - ChildrensTable.org Donate Today!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Make a positive impact: Volunteer Today! Call for info.	Your \$10 Donations help fuel our mission! 10 AM-12 PM 680 Thrasher Drive Bronson	Every \$10 helps feed a family in need!	1 Your support makes our work possible. Call today to find out how you can get involved.	Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM  Volunteer	Join our Bus for Mobile Food Distributions FRIDAYS NORTHEAST 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 Ave.	Join master gardeners, call ahead!
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#### You're Invited! **Family & Friends Day**



"Family & Friends Day" at Full Christian Gospel Church, 10295 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Archer: October 19, 11am. This is a special event designed to bring members and their nonmember guests together, strengthening community bonds, fostering spiritual growth, and serving as an outreach opportunity to invite new people to experience the church.

#### What If We Weren't Here?

WE'RE Imagine arriving one Monday to find The Children's Table gone—no volunteers, no food, no lifeline for families in need. For us, life would go on, but neighbors and children facing emergencies would struggle to put meals on the table.

#### SORRY WE'RE CLOSED... WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE TO YOUR FAMILY?

For many in our rural communities, we are more than just a food bank. We are a lifeline when times get tough. A single missed paycheck, a car repair, or a sudden illness can leave families wondering how they will put food on the table. When emergencies strike, The Children's Table is there to provide what's needed to get through until stability returns. Without us, those families would struggle. Children could go hungry. Seniors might have to choose between food and medicine. And neighbors who depend on a helping hand might have nowhere to turn.

Every donation we receive, no matter the size, ensures that we can continue this critical work. Your gift today keeps our doors open, our buses rolling, and our volunteers ready to serve. It's not just a donation—it's hope, stability, and nourishment for those who need it most.

Just \$10 provides a family with the food they need to get through the week. What if one Monday, The Children's Table wasn't here? No food, no volunteers, no lifeline for families in need. Without your support, families could go hungry when they need help most. Every donation keeps our doors open, our buses rolling, and our volunteers ready to serve—ensuring no one goes hungry. www.ChildrensTable.org/Donate

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

