

The Children's Table

Thanksgiving Feast 2025: A Day of Food, Community, and Gratitude



This year's Thanksgiving Feast was a wonderful success, as we came together to serve hundreds of families a warm holiday meal. Our dedicated volunteers were on hand all day—cooking, packing, welcoming guests, and wrapping up the event by lending a hand with cleanup.



A heartfelt thank-you to Heavy B's BBQ for their generous support and mouthwatering contributions, and to all the volunteer cooks who brought energy, skill, and heart to the kitchen. Every dish, every tray, and every smile was made possible by you—our incredible community!

We're grateful for the community members who donated ingredients, helped prepare meals, or simply shared the event with a neighbor in need. Your kindness helped make Thanksgiving brighter for families across our rural communities.

Thank you for standing with us and helping us feed so many this holiday season.



This annual gathering has become one of our favorite traditions—simple, heartfelt, and rooted in community. Families arrived for a warm meal, but they left with something more: a reminder that people care. Moments like these show what can happen when a small community comes together with one purpose—making sure everyone has a place at the table.

November Gardening Class: Growing Skills for the Season Ahead

Our November classes with the Master Gardeners brought tremendous energy to our Community Learning Garden and helped build skills that will carry us into the next growing season. Participants learned how to start plants from seed, choose the right soil, and select containers that support healthy growth. With guidance from our instructors, we also planted seeds directly in the garden and prepared new beds for the months ahead.

We're grateful to the Master Gardeners who came out to teach two hands-on sessions at our garden site. Their expertise made the classes not only educational, but enjoyable—everyone left with new knowledge, confidence, and a deeper understanding of how to grow successfully in our rural environment.

If you'd like to get more involved with our Community Learning Garden—whether to learn, volunteer, or simply enjoy the space—reach out to Mr. Bill at 352-486-6525. We welcome anyone who wants to grow with us.



Honored as Community Champions

We are thrilled to share that The Children's Table was recognized with the Community Champion Award at the Community Foundation of North Central Florida's Legacy Awards luncheon. This award celebrates the dedication, compassion, and tireless work of our founders, Mr. Bill and Mrs. Verna, whose commitment to families in need has shaped everything we do.






For us, The Children's Table is more than a food distribution site—it's a place where community, care, and support come together. Beyond the work here, Mr. Bill and Mrs. Verna have opened their home to over 30 foster children and adopted three, creating a lasting impact that extends far beyond our doors. Their vision, generosity, and devotion to our community continue to inspire us every day, and this recognition is a testament to the profound difference one family can make in Bronson, Levy County, and the surrounding areas.

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Volunteer Spotlight



We extend a warm thank-you to the local Girl Scouts who joined us during our recent event. These young volunteers brought energy and kindness to every task—from helping make our artwork to assisting families in line, while the older girls expertly helped with traffic control. We appreciate their hard work and proud commitment to serving the community.

Food Distribution SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2025 12/01/2025						
352-721-5406 Volunteer Opportunities ask for Stacey - ChildrensTable.org Donate Today!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Make a positive impact.</i> <i>Volunteer Today! Call for info.</i>	10 AM-12 PM 680 Thrasher Drive Bronson Gifts for Grands Starts today	2 Your \$10 Donations help fuel our mission!	3 Your support makes our work possible. Call today to find out how you can get involved.	4 Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM  Volunteer	5 Join our Bus for Mobile Food Distributions FRIDAYS SOUTH 9:30 AM Hernando House of Power 7233 N. Lecanto Hwy, 11:00 AM Life Spring Church, 19460 E Pennsylvania Ave, Dunnellon, 11:45 AM Inglis Town Hall 135 Highway 40 W. *serves Yankee Town* 1:45 PM Otter Creek -NEW LOCATION - Otter Creek Trading Post 230 US-19, Chiefland, FL 32626 ☀️ \$10 today means meals on the table tomorrow!	6 Learn about our community veggie garden 352-486-6525
7 <i>Volunteer Today! Call for info.</i>	8 Bronson 10 AM-12 PM 680 Thrasher Drive	9	10 11:00 Lebanon Baptist Church Branford	11 Volunteers Arrive: 8 AM	12 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 Avenue ***NOT COMING OUT ON 11/28/2025 DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	13 
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21 WE'RE HERE 4 YOU!	22 Bronson 10 AM-12 PM 680 W. Thrasher Drive	23	24	25 		26
SPECIAL NOTES FOR DECEMBER: NO DISTRIBUTION FRIDAY - WE WILL NOT BE IN ARCHER, WILLISTON OR GAINESVILLE. We will be collecting gifts for local area seniors citizens and shut-in seniors, deliver to 680 W. Thrasher, Bronson. Please donate only new items unwrapped. ITEMS REQUESTED: larger, soft baby dolls, big button sweaters, male and female hygiene items "no perfume" note books, large print puzzle books, pens, adult coloring books, small art items, playing cards, holiday bags, signed cards, "no food items" non-slip socks - items for male and female						



Donate

"Fuel Our Mission: Why Your Donation Matters"



As the year comes to a close, your support has the power to make a real and lasting difference for families across our rural communities. Every donation helps us provide nutritious food, teach valuable gardening and self-sufficiency skills, and ensure that no one is ever turned away hungry. Your gift fuels programs that feed children, seniors, and entire families while also empowering them with the knowledge and resources to thrive.

By contributing today, you're helping The Children's Table continue to serve more families, expand our community learning garden, and strengthen the network of volunteers who make it all possible. No matter the size, your donation has a meaningful impact and keeps our mission moving forward. Making a contribution is simple and secure—donate online anytime at <https://childrenstable.org/donation/> and join us in ensuring that food, education, and hope reach those who need it most.

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

