

# RESIDENT ADVOCACY

## Assists in Registering for:

- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Blue Card
- Social Security Disability

## Assistance Provided:

- Emergency Food
- Clothing
- Hygiene Products
- Household Goods
- Affordable Housing Searches
- Legal Aid Referrals
- ID & Birth Certificate Assistance
- Workforce Training Program
- Utility and Rental Assistance

## Referral to Other Social Services:

- Vocational Rehab
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse



**Over 14,800 Residents Assisted in 2023**

Connects residents to county-wide social and community services within the areas of education, childcare, public transportation, community health, mental health, substance abuse, legal assistance, and state/federal public programs.

# MOBILE FOOD BANK

Our food bank distributes:

- 1,900,000 pounds of food each year which consists of bread/grains, fresh produce, and meat/protein.
- In 2023, our mobile food pantry distributed 16,000 pre-packaged youth meals
- Provided over 1,500 Thanksgiving meals to families
- Is one of the four largest food banks in the County, being declared as a disaster relief center for Mid-Pinellas County in 2023.



## Over 1,900,000.00 Pounds of Food Distributed in Pinellas County

Distributes food to at-risk communities in Pinellas County through four stationary sites every Saturday. Targeting residents without transportation, the elderly, homeless individuals, those with low or no income, and the disabled. Throughout the week, our food bank serves 33 other locations, including churches, organizations, shelters, and other pantries.

# WORKFORCE READINESS

In 2023, our Workforce Readiness Program:

- 188 student participated in career services
- 133 students obtained NCCER certification
- 72 students were placed in skilled jobs which provided independence and self-sufficiency
- 55 students obtained Forklift Licenses
- Partners with various organizations such as Pinellas Ex-Offender Coalition, Second Chances, Department of Corrections, and local employers.



**Over 72 individuals have been placed in skilled jobs**

Assists residents facing multiple employment barriers in achieving family-sustaining wages. Our program establishes career pathways through OSHA-certified forklift training, professional skill development, and attainment of National Center for Construction Education and Research post-secondary trade certificates.

# ADOPT-A-BLOCK

Our Adopt-a-Block program:

- Removed 76 tons of trash from the surrounding neighborhoods in 2023 and worked closely with Pinellas Code Enforcement to relieve code violations for poverty-stricken residents.
- Promotes “aging in place” campaign for seniors in our area to age in their own homes by making it safer and more affordable.
- Clears out alleys for our Emergency Responders to easily maneuver to urgent calls.
- Utilizes 90% volunteer hours, estimating over 13,433 volunteers per year.



## Over 76 Tons of Debris & Trash Removed in Pinellas County.

Adopt-a-Block strengthens Pinellas County communities by assisting low to moderate-income areas with lawn maintenance, home improvements, and code violation relief. We also address basic needs through weekly distributions of food, hygiene items, and clothing, alongside our Mobile Food Bank at four stationary locations.

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*This program offers individuals a 6-12 week work experience within our organization, addressing their lack of consistent employment history and basic soft skills. Through on-the-job training, we enhance their skills and provide valuable references, facilitating their transition to permanent employment.*



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