



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF TAMPA BAY

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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Family Food Distribution Event Feeds Over 1,500 People**

**Lacoochee Elementary School, 38815 Cummer Road Dade City, FL:** The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring, Feeding America, and Foundation of Caring Board Member, Drew Weatherford, partnered with the Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club last Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to provide packaged meals for more than 400 families residing in the Lacoochee area.

The Family Food Distribution event was hosted at Lacoochee Elementary School and volunteers passed out fully-balanced meals to families between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Each voucher presented supplied a family with an assortment of nourishing food, including whole chickens, fresh fruit, gallons of milk, and vegetables. Vouchers were obtained at Lacoochee Elementary School and the Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club.

“The attendance far exceeded what we had initially predicted and we were so happy to engage the community in a way that was beneficial to them and addressed the serious issue of poverty among families,” says Jennie Yingling, Executive Director of Pasco County Boys & Girls Clubs. “Thanks to the Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring and Feeding America, we had 472 registered families receive a box when we were only anticipating 250.”

Out of the total sign-ins that day, 1,575 individuals were served and, of that amount, 941 were children. Many of the young people that attended are current Club Members at the Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club.

The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring has contributed to the Lewis Abraham Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club through numerous efforts and Feeding America has been a longtime partner of Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay.

### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay has been a positive force in the community for 85 years; enabling young people to become productive, responsible and caring citizens through structured programming, safe learning environments and dedicated staff. With a focus on three core priority outcomes –

Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Improving Character & Leadership, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay provides opportunities to build new skills that raise each Club Member's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal, social and academic accomplishments.

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