

PRESS RELEASE

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Seminole – You did it!

The 2014 Mayor's Canned Food Challenge doubled the yearly goal...by August! Due to the enthusiastic leadership of city employees, SPC-Seminole, local schools, churches, businesses, grocers, non-profits and senior living facilities all within the greater Seminole area, in less time than you could spell *c-h-i-c-k-e-n s o-u-p* the Mayor's Canned Food Challenge goal was met and surpassed.

At the beginning of the year, Mayor Leslie Waters announced a city-wide year-long canned food drive with the goal of 18,739 which represented one can per citizen in the City of Seminole.

"From zero to 41,759 food items counted by August! This is just overwhelming," exclaimed Mayor Waters. "We always knew that Seminole was a generous and giving community. We just measured it this time!"

Since January of this year, cans of food items rolled into the numerous drop-off locations around the city; food pantry volunteers picked-up the items weekly; and over \$4,325 contributed directly to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

"Thank you to Mayor Waters and to the citizens of Seminole for their support of the Interfaith Food Pantry," remarked Vie Thompson, Director, Interfaith Food Bank. "Due to the downturn in the economy, family food insecurity issues are still present throughout the community. We look forward to continued support from community leaders in Seminole."

A "Thank you" Reception hosted by the Interfaith Food Bank on Starkey Rd, for those supporters of this great city-wide challenge, will be held on September 18, at 5:00 – 6:30pm.

This city-wide Food Drive will continue with drop off locations around Seminole:

Seminole City Hall, next to the Post Office on 113th

City Park, during the 2014 Fall Music in the Park concerts (1 can = 1 free bag of popcorn!)

Seminole Chamber of Commerce, 7985 113th St. North, Suite #208

Seminole Gardens Apartments

Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church

SPC-Seminole Student Center, UP192

Freedom Square

Lake Seminole Square

American Woman Fitness Center on Bay Pines Blvd,

Checks made payable to the Interfaith Food Pantry, are always welcomed;

9530 Starkey Road, Seminole, 33777; 727-418-1204.