Mosaic Proudly Supports Weekend Food Backpack Programs in Central Florida

September is “Hunger Action Month” and a good opportunity to remind us there are so many of our neighbors who continue to struggle with hunger. Did you know? In the Tampa Bay region, approximately 600,000 people and 180,000 of those are children struggling with hunger every day and don’t know where their next meal may come from. For us at Mosaic, that is unacceptable and we make it our mission to help fight hunger in our local communities.

In our Florida Operations area, Mosaic proudly supports several non-profit organizations with missions to end hunger especially during the school year. Research shows having nutritional meals are critical for learning. During the school week, many of these students struggling with hunger may have access to a free breakfast and lunch, but over the weekend, access to meals may become even more limited.

With our support, these community partners we consider the real hunger heroes – All Faiths Food Bank, Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon, Feeding Tampa Bay, KidsPACK and One More Child – are able to organize weekend food backpack programs to ensure many children don’t go hungry over the weekend. Approximately 800 students benefitted from the weekend backpack programs during the last school year.

“Because of Mosaic’s support of All Faiths Food Bank and weekend backpack programs, 30 of our students are able to take food home on Friday afternoons. This generosity is appreciated by teachers, who would often burden the responsibility to help their students and parents,” says Krystin Chapman, guidance counselor at Zolfo Springs Elementary in Hardee County. “As a school, we are limited in how we can serve our students’ families on the weekends so we are very thankful to community programs that help ensure our students have their needs met. Food is something we often take for granted. For many of our students, much of their thought goes into where they will get their next meal.”

Mosaic will continue to support these efforts this school year and more to come. Our community partners are always looking for support and volunteers for upcoming food packing events. Check out these organizations below to see how you can help:

Feeding Tampa Bay
All Faiths Food Bank – DeSoto and Hardee County
Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon – Project Smile
kidsPACK – Polk County
One More Child – SmilePak – Polk County