Food insecurity is an issue that many students face today. As part of The Mosaic Company’s mission to feed the world, we support local food partner’s mission to end hunger.

Hardee High School Spanish teacher Filomena Atchley gets emotional every time she thinks about the number of students who go to school and leave hungry each day.

It’s an issue she and fellow faculty and staff face every academic year. Oftentimes, it’s the teachers themselves who will purchase snacks for students. Other times, they’ll share items which were meant for their own lunches. Neither solution is ideal, Atchley said. “The need is great, but our pockets are small.”

According to Atchley, its children in elementary school who often receive the most attention when people think about student hunger. However, the high school student population is often forgotten about, she said. Last year with help from Mosaic, Hardee High School opened a food pantry intended to specifically address the problem.

Thanks to Mosaic’s generosity and employee’s willingness to stock the pantry with healthful, nutritious snacks, that narrative is changing for students at Hardee High School. The pantry enables school clubs to volunteer their time to keep the pantry stocked throughout the school year.

“Mosaic is our number one partner,” said Atchley. “Without them, we wouldn’t be able to do it.”

Watch this short video to learn more about the Hardee High School food pantry.