

## 5¢ PER MEAL Partners, cont'd



**19% - Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida** is a powerful hunger solutions network that collects and distributes more than 96 million meals per year for individuals and families in need. The organization helps people in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, Brevard, and Volusia counties through its network of 550 partner feeding organizations. In addition to providing food, Second Harvest works upstream to help low-income people gain economic self-sufficiency. The Culinary Training program offers a free 16-week experience that teaches skills that adult students need to work in a commercial kitchen environment, as well as important life management skills. The Food Bank also supplies food to 'Kids Café' after school food programs, a School Markets program for middle and high schools, and a summer food program for kids.

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**10% Small Grants :** Congregations in our Presbytery are doing wonderful work for hunger relief in their communities. PATH set aside 10% of its funds for small grants to assist churches with their projects. The following Churches were approved for small grants in 2021: Spring Lake; Glenwood; Iglesia Presbiteriana El Buen Vecino; Howey in the Hills Community Church; Quest Church; St. Andrews; Washington Shores; and Eastminster.

**History:** The original Two-Cents-A-Meal offering was begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. Central Florida PATH was formed in 1982 under the leadership of Rev. John Jackson, CFP's first Hunger Action Enabler. Second Harvest Food Bank was the first and has remained a PATH Partner for 38 years. The first national partner was Hatian Gardens of Miami; and the first international partner was Chipembi Farm College in Zambia, Africa. The most recent to rotate off PATH funding was Haiti/CODEP Reforestation Project ([www.haitifunding.org](http://www.haitifunding.org)).

**In response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat"** every Congregation is encouraged to: ~ Set aside 5 cents at every meal and place it in your church's 5c Per Meal Offering envelope or basket; ~ Pray for the poor, the hungry, and the PATH partners.

**General Assembly Declaration:**

That all responses to hunger are rooted in and grow out of biblical faith.

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## P.A.T.H.

(Presbyterians Answer To Hunger)

### 5 Cents Per Meal Offering

*O God, who breaks bread  
with the broken hearted  
And shares a cup  
with those who have no cup  
Gift us with your holy spirit  
and may the gift be  
multiplied that the whole world  
Might sit down  
to bread and wine  
In the name of Jesus Christ  
we pray, Amen.  
—Ann Weems*



**PATH is a partnership program of Christian faith and compassion demonstrated through prayers, understanding, and gifts.**



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**20% - AIR Guatemala/Alliance for International Reforestation, Inc.** is a non profit organization working to improve the nutrition of thousands of Maya families in rural Guatemala with organic vegetable gardens, training, and tree nurseries. Reforestation is important in fighting hunger because trees build the soil, protect the springs and rivers, prevent soil erosion, and many species provide nutritious fruit. After the farmers receive AIR's training, they own the tree nurseries and may turn them into businesses to sell the seedlings - improving family incomes and planting even more trees! AIR also provides efficient stoves, irrigation cisterns, and programs in the rural schools. Since 1993, AIR has trained over 5000 farmers, constructed over 860 stoves, established hundreds of gardens and tree nurseries and planted over 7 million trees. PATH funding has allowed AIR to expand to the Department of Quiche and now AIR has plans for a second Training Center to serve a waiting list of communities. We share the love of Christ through action.  
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**20% - FVEE/MADAGASCAR:** The Fruits, Vegetables and Environmental Education Program (FVEE) of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) promotes fruit growing to help low-income farmers get on a path out of poverty. PATH funding helps the FVEE provide training to farmers in how to grow and graft fruit trees, especially mangos. It helps establish permanent fruit nurseries operated by the church and provides training in gardening and fruit growing for students of the FJKM's 5 seminaries. Funding also helps the FVEE provide practical internships for agricultural students from the FJKM university. Thanks to 5-cents-a-meal contributions, the FVEE plants native Malagasy trees at schools, churches, and other public places to promote a love of nature and a desire to protect Madagascar's endangered biodiversity.

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**19% - Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)/Florida Gleaning Network** is a regional branch of a national non-profit gleaning organization. SoSA partners with farmers/growers & trains/coordinates thousands of volunteers each year to glean fresh produce from farms, fields, groves & residential trees that cannot be sold due to slight blemish or size imperfections. SoSA distributes this nutritious produce to food banks, church pantries & homeless shelters for hungry people state wide, about 4-6 million pounds every year that would otherwise go to waste. However during the 2020/2021 Pandemic year those numbers more than doubled, as did the rise in hunger. PATH funding helps cover the cost of freight & packing materials for distribution of gleaned produce.  
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