

*The Salvation Army here in South Sarasota County provides many services, through our Social Services department, helping local families and seniors in need. Some of the services we offer are our Food Pantry program (offered once every thirty days to eligible families and seniors), providing hygiene products, providing SCAT bus passes (five one-way passes on their first visit and then up to two free 30 day bus passes free each year), providing clothing and furniture vouchers for our Family Store, giving emergency financial assistance (including paying rent, water and electric), and we are also in the process of partnering with Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide Food Stamp/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application assistance to our clients as well.*

*It is important to note that over the past year The Salvation Army of South Sarasota County/Venice has given nearly 4500 food bags from our Food Pantry, averaging to 363 bags monthly – which equates to feeding 363 homeless and/or needy families per month.*

*With all of this food distributed, we are in need of specific items to replenish our pantry. Our current food needs are dry pasta, rice (preferably in 1 pound bags), cases of bottled water, canned and fresh meat, peanut butter, saltine crackers and hygiene products; however, we will accept anything that is in date that anyone is willing to donate.*

