Helping Hands Assistance Program (HHAP) is a social services organization that provides its clients with a variety of services. HHAP has been in existence since 2004 and was one of PBCFB’s first partner agencies. HHAP has a food pantry that clients can come to once per month and is also a host site for PBCFB’s Benefits Outreach program.

Bethany Baptist Church has been serving the West Palm Beach community through its food pantry for the last six years. On an average month, Bethany Baptist Church serves close to 150 families. On the last Saturday of each month, church volunteers pre-pack boxes with assorted non-perishable goods, produce, and meat. Bethany Baptist Church is in the process of building a new facility that will help them expand their pantry and better serve their clients.

The third annual Empty Bowls Palm Beach attracted more than 1,300 attendees to The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach. Guests enjoyed a simple meal of soup, water, and bread and took home a hand-made ceramic bowl. The Palm Beach County Food Bank is grateful to the members of Bethesda-by-the-Sea for their overwhelming generosity and partnership.

For more information about what we do to help our community, please visit www.PBCFoodBank.org
Since our inception in 2012, the Palm Beach County Food Bank has served the community in need and has provided 18.5 million pounds of food to families in need. In 2015, we served on average 500 individuals a day, helping our community stay fed.

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