

# Press Release

**LAKE CITY**  
**POLICE**  
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*Chief of Police Gerald Butler*

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## Farm Share feeds 503 Families

On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in partnership with Farm Share, the Lake City Police Department provided 503 families with food.

From their website, [www.farmsahre.org](http://www.farmsahre.org), the organization reports, "Farm Share is Florida's homegrown food bank. Founded for and by Floridians, Farm Share has been serving those under food insecurity since 1991 with the simple but innovative idea to recover crops from Florida farmers in order to distribute fresh and nutritious food to Floridians in need."

This was the fifth event hosted by LCPD. The event is held in the parking lot south of the department. Volunteers and employees arrive at 5am. It takes approximately three hours for the truck to be unloaded, the food unpacked from pallets, placed into bags, and organized for distribution. Once the distribution line opens, it takes two to three hours for the food to be passed out. On average, our community receives approximately 28,000 lbs of food items, which feeds about 550 families each event.

"We are elated to be able to partner with Farm Share and provide this much needed service to the community," said Police Chief Gerald Butler. "It's important to mention this event would not be possible without the volunteers from the community. They are vital in every step of the process and for them, we are eternally grateful."

The next Farm Share event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Lake City Police Department. Distribution begins at 8am. Community members are encouraged to line-up early as the event is first come, first served.



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