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515 Families Receive Food at Sixth Farm Share

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, in partnership with Farm Share, the Lake City Police Department provided 515 families with food.

From their website, www.farmshare.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."

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 500 families at each event.

"The combined efforts of our Community Relations Coordinator, Ashley Hardison, and lead volunteers have streamlined our Farm Share event," said Police Chief Gerald Butler. "Although we were initially 20 minutes behind schedule, we ended 30 minutes ahead of schedule and had the food distributed in record time."

The department appreciates Vann Carpet One for providing the use of their forklift, Millennium Bank for providing the volunteers with bagels and coffee, and all of the volunteers. This event would not be possible without your assistance.



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