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Dear James,

Thank you for helping us support our community in crisis from Hurricane Irma. By volunteering with the Food Bank of Manatee, you made a difference as we served those most in need of food and water.

In the wake of the storm, more than 133,000 residences lost power, some for longer than two weeks. People evacuated, areas were flooded, and refrigerators were emptied because of food spoilage, causing thousands of additional people to be in need of food. The Food Bank of Manatee currently feeds 30,000 children, families, adults and seniors with nutrition on a monthly basis. With your help, we were able to provide the food crisis support to those households struggling to recover.

Through community food and financial donations, along with dozens of volunteers, we distributed 52,748 pounds of fresh produce, baked goods, frozen meat, shelf-stable canned goods, and rice. In partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay and the American Red Cross, 13 pallets of MRE's (Meal, Ready-to-Eat), 15 pallets of water, and two pallets of potatoes were distributed at a special direct community location at the Renaissance on 9<sup>th</sup>.

Manatee County has always been a caring community supporting and lifting each other up in a time of need. Your generosity to our organization is truly valued and appreciated. We will continue to restock our shelves and support the 115 pantries and agencies. Our homes may have been wounded by Irma, but our spirit of hope prevails.

With Gratitude,

Diana Dill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Dill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vice President of Development

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