

DOING LUNCH Food given to needy

The Naples Children & Education Foundation recently kicked off a new initiative to end childhood hunger in Collier County. Lunch Boxes of Love distributes food to underprivileged and at-risk children. The first food distribution took place at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Weekly distributions of 16,000 to 18,000 pounds of food are now under way — enough to feed about 600 families for several days.

NCEF is partnering with Harry Chapin Food Bank for these distributions, and the foundation funded a specially outfitted and branded mobile food pantry to bring food to children and families most in need. A total of \$630,000 for Lunch Boxes of Love was raised during the 2011 wine festival's auction of a special fund-a-need lot.



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