



- In 2012, there were approximately **2,000 homeless children** in the Manatee County School System, and at least 1,000 more who are not school-age or not reported.
- 30% of families surveyed were forced to choose between buying food and paying for basic utilities.
- In Florida **1 out of every 5 children** is at risk of hunger. The Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice areas were in the top 50 areas with the inability to afford enough food for households with children – about 25%!
- Hunger decreases development in children hindering student performance and behavior, decreasing attendance and increasing health problems.
- Over **3.4 million Americans** 65 years of age and older live in poverty.
- **1 out of every 8 people is going hungry**

***You can help prevent hunger!***