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FIGHTING HUNGER *with* Lemonade

Octavia raised \$235 for Three Square through her lemonade stand!

Octavia is not your average 7-year-old. When her teacher read to her class the book *Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand*, Octavia decided to set up a lemonade stand in her neighborhood. In just two hours, this young entrepreneur raised \$235!

Though she only charged \$1 per glass, many of the people who stopped by gave generously for Three Square. Their mailman donated \$50 ...

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Three Square Food Bank is to provide wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger-free community. Our vision is simple: No one in our community should be hungry. By bringing together the resources, experience and passion of the people and businesses of Southern Nevada, we can make sure no one has to. Together, we can feed everyone.

Three Square Food Bank is registered with the Secretary of State and qualified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of Feeding America. Established in 2007, Three Square is Southern Nevada's only food bank and the area's largest hunger-relief organization. Your charitable contribution to Three Square is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Food for Thought

The creativity and compassion of children never ceases to amaze me! During my tenure with Three Square Food Bank, I have been blessed to meet so many incredible boys and girls from the Vegas Community — two of whom are featured in this very issue.

Octavia, who is on our cover, has such enthusiasm and drive for a 7-year-old. This bright young girl was inspired by a book her teacher read to set up a lemonade stand. So she and her little sister sat outside their home one afternoon to sell lemonade and donated the profits to Three Square ... a total of \$235!

I'm also in awe of the hard work 8-year-old Payton and her mother, Brooke, did to set up a food drive and fundraiser to support our work (back page). This talented young girl created a video to send to friends and family asking for donations of money and food, and received over \$600 and 420 items of food to help their hungry neighbors.

Like you, these young friends saw how people in our community are hurting and decided to do something about it. Both of their stories are inspirational and a wonderful reminder to us all that — no matter our age or circumstances — we all have the ability to help and do something that will ripple out to impact others in a positive way.

As we enter the summer season, I want to thank you for remembering your neighbors who are hungry ... especially kids. It is a challenge to identify and get food into the hands of growing boys and girls during the summer season, but we are committed to reaching them all to ensure no child goes hungry.

You can read more about how volunteering helps in fighting hunger and promoting childhood nutrition on page 3. A special thanks to those who are so generous with their time.

Thank you again for staying strong and joining together to help end hunger in our community. Together, we can feed everyone ... from the littlest children and hungry teens to working families and our wonderful seniors. Have a fruitful summer!

~Brian Burton, President & CEO



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and one bighearted neighbor gave her \$100.

Of the experience, Octavia says, "I was nervous, but my little sister helped me; she's four. People

You Make a Difference!

As our nation recovers and summer is in full swing, your support continues to help feed hungry kids across the valley! When you get involved, you are ensuring children and families don't have to worry about where their next meal will come from. Summer may look different this year, but that doesn't lessen the fun and sense of knowing that you are providing a critically valuable service to our neighbors in need!

Just ask Darwin Bosen, our Director of Programs and Community Engagement. As kids are out of school this summer — and many parents are still out of work — Darwin hopes friends like you will continue to fight hunger in our community. As Darwin says, *"This summer, we have been providing fresh meals to hungry kids! And your time volunteering at Three Square is a big part of making this happen! As we anticipate the upcoming school year, we*



We  our volunteers!

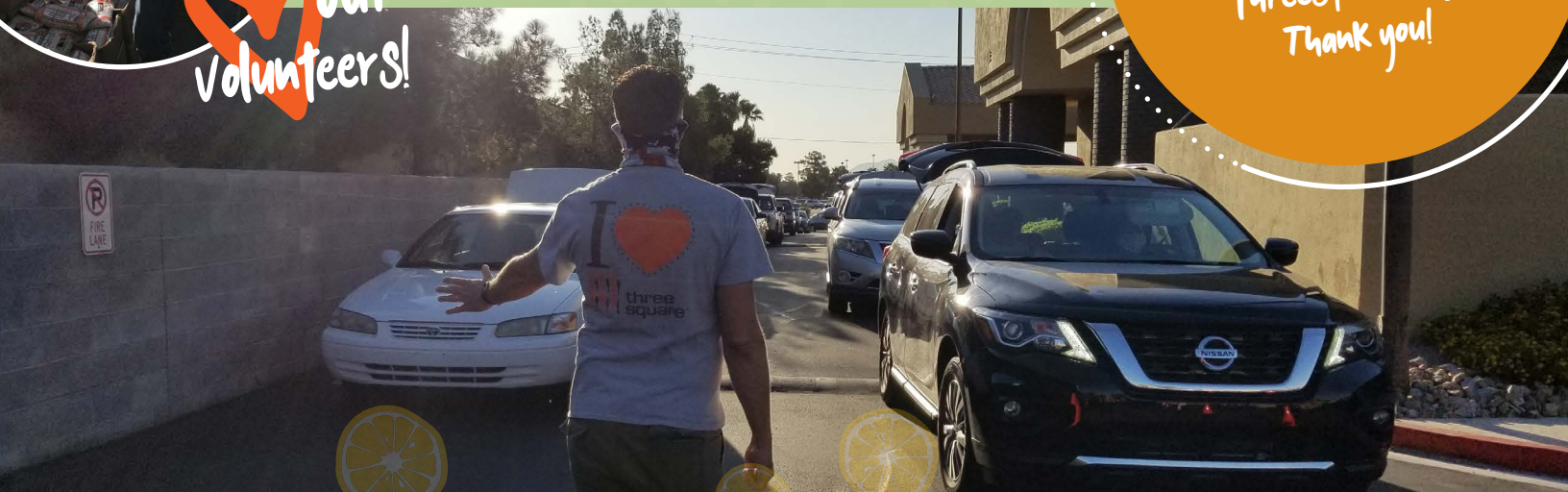
look forward to resuming our after-school feeding programs, including our beloved Backpack for Kids program."

At the height of the pandemic, 1 in 3 children in Las Vegas was food-insecure. With your help, that number has improved to 1 in 4 kids, but we still have a long way to go to get food into the hands of every growing girl and boy.

As people in our community continue to recover from the devastation of the pandemic, it's critical to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Your generosity provides nourishing food to kids, families, seniors, and everyone in Southern Nevada who is struggling with hunger.

To learn more about how you can help fight hunger, please visit threesquare.org. Thank you!



wanted to help because if you are hungry and don't have food, you won't survive long."

"They told me my gift helped feed 700 people and I was so happy! It's nice to help people."

Her family went to Three Square to deliver the donation in person, where they got a VIP tour of our building. *"It felt good,"* she says, with a bashful smile.

Her father, Jay, is amazed by her initiative. *"The fact*

that listening to this true story in class inspired her to do this made me very proud. We try to instill in our kids that there are people that are not as well-off ... that we should always help when we can. We're newer to Las Vegas and seeing people come together to help each other — no matter how bad times are — is wonderful."

Octavia chimes in, *"They told me my gift helped feed 700 people and I was so happy! I would like to make a lemonade stand every year. It's nice to help people."*

This Young Girl Puts the *fun* in Fundraising!



Payton, her sister, Annabelle, and her mom, Brooke, when they dropped off their donations at Three Square.

Payton was just listening to the radio when inspiration struck. She heard them talking about a food drive and this 8-year-old sprang into action ... deciding to host her own food drive!

"I made a video and sent it to friends and family, and my mom posted it on social media," she says. "We put posters around the neighborhood and left a box on our porch so people could drop off items. We also had an outdoor collection day where neighbors, friends and family could come say hi and deliver donations."

And wow, did her friends and neighbors deliver! All total, Payton raised more than \$600 in financial gifts and collected 420 food items that they delivered to Three Square.

"It was a lot of stuff and it was really heavy. We had to wait for my dad to get home so he could help us move the boxes ... they filled the whole back of the car! We didn't take a tour of the Food Bank due to COVID, but my sister and I took a picture with a giant fork and spoon," she says, with a playful grin.

"Your heart will be happy if you do it!"

When asked why she wanted to fight hunger, Payton shares, *"It's just hard right now, but everyone deserves to have healthy food. I hope I can inspire others to raise money by having a garage sale, lemonade stand, food drive, or even a hot chocolate stand. Your heart will be happy if you do it!"*

Her mom, Brooke, echoes, *"My goal as a parent is to raise adults that care for others ... but I cannot take the credit for her huge heart. Payton is a remarkable child who always helps whenever she can. She is truly one of a kind, and I could not be prouder of her!"*



No Child Should Experience Hunger

The good news is that vaccination rates are getting higher every day and tourism in our great town is ramping up again! Yet while the economy improves, the recovery is slow to take hold. Many parents are still struggling to put food on the table and wondering how they'll feed their kids.

But today, YOU can do something to help hungry kids.

Your caring gift will provide healthy meals to fill small tummies and give growing children the nourishment they need. And since \$1 provides three meals, just think how far your dollars will go to help feed our hungry neighbors here in Southern Nevada!

• If you can, please make a gift now at [threesquare.org](https://www.threesquare.org) that will go right to work providing nutrient-rich food to children in Southern Nevada. Thank you.