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## **410 Families Receive Food at Farm Share**

On Saturday, September 21, 2024, the Lake City Police Department partnered with Farm Share to assist 410 local families in a volunteer-powered food distribution effort.

This successful event was made possible thanks to volunteers from Christ Central, Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Allen-Chapel AME, Souls Harbor, The Young Women of Excellence, and the CPA Alumni. Their efforts reflect the community's commitment to making a positive impact.

"I'm impressed by the teamwork between our Community Relations Coordinator, Ashley Hardison, and the lead volunteers," said Police Chief Gerald Butler. "Their planning and coordination allowed us to complete distribution in a record time of about an hour and a half."

The preparation process, including unloading, unpacking, and organizing the food, took approximately two hours. Once the distribution began, it took an hour and a half to serve all families. The event distributed 38,334 pounds of food, including whole chicken, sour cream, canned chilies, pasta, cheese, assorted breads, French Vanilla creamer, whipping cream, lemonade, soy milk, bottled water, peaches, potatoes, and lettuce.

Farm Share, founded in 1991, is Florida's homegrown food bank, recovering crops from local farmers to provide fresh, nutritious food to those facing food insecurity. More information is available at [www.farmshare.org](http://www.farmshare.org).

Special thanks go to Vann Carpet One for providing use of their forklift.

For more information on the Lake City Police Department's community outreach programs, visit [www.lcfla.com/police](http://www.lcfla.com/police).



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