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Bridge To Hope Receives \$50,000 Grant from Ocean Reef Community Foundation to Strengthen Food Access in Deep South Dade

Grant will support Homestead Food Pantry Hub and Home Food Delivery programs serving neighbors in and around Homestead and Florida City

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL, May 26, 2026 – Bridge To Hope has received a **\$50,000 grant from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF)** to support its **Homestead Food Pantry Hub and Home Food Delivery** programs in deep South Dade.

The grant will help strengthen Bridge To Hope’s food access work in and around Homestead and Florida City, including the food distribution Bridge To Hope holds at **Redland Christian Academy in Homestead on the third Saturday of every month**. It will also support home food delivery for neighbors for whom getting to a pantry may be difficult.

Lucas Metropulos, CFRE, represented Bridge To Hope at the Foundation’s awards ceremony and accepted the grant on behalf of the neighbors, families, seniors, volunteers, and staff who make the organization’s work possible.

“We are deeply grateful to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation for this generous investment in deep South Dade,” said Vanessa Tinsley, Executive Director of Bridge To Hope. “Food assistance is never just about food. It’s about dignity, stability, and helping families know they are not alone. This support will help Bridge To Hope continue serving our neighbors with greater strength, consistency, and care.”

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation’s 2026 Off Reef Community Grants represent **\$2,674,666** in support for nonprofit organizations serving the Upper Keys, Homestead, and Florida City. Bridge To Hope is honored to be among the organizations entrusted with that support.

“This grant is a powerful example of a community using its resources to strengthen the places and people around it,” added Vanessa Tinsley of Bridge To Hope. “We are honored to steward this gift and grateful for the Foundation’s commitment to helping trusted local organizations meet real community needs.”

Bridge To Hope's Homestead Food Pantry Hub and Home Food Delivery programs are supported in part by a generous grant from the **Ocean Reef Community Foundation**.

About Bridge To Hope

Bridge To Hope serves South Florida families and neighbors through food access, practical support, health and wellness connections, digital skills, and community-based programs designed to help people move through difficult seasons with dignity and hope.

About Ocean Reef Community Foundation

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation facilitates philanthropy by North Key Largo Florida's Ocean Reef Club community and supports nonprofit organizations serving neighboring areas of Monroe and southern Miami-Dade Counties.

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