

Snapshot of Deerfield Beach, Florida

July–December 2021 Progress Report



Goals

- Increase families' access to affordable fruits and vegetables
- Repurpose extra cafeteria food as a source of accessible food for students or compost through the school garden
- Empower youth in the Deerfield Beach Community to identify and respond to community health needs
- Impact health-related policies and systems that reflect the voice of the community



By the Numbers

- 103 families (representing approximately 397 individuals) provided with foods that support healthy eating patterns through curbside meal distributions
- 21 students received nutrition education through a school garden program at Deerfield Beach Middle School

Success Story

The Deerfield Beach Middle School Free Neighborhood Market, led by the Healthy Student–Healthy Community team, is a pantry program that prioritizes food recovery and nutrition education for families. The market not only provides fresh produce through mobile and curbside weekly food distributions, but also a network of individuals families can consult for available food resources and information on how to improve health and well-being. In the last six months, the market has provided over 300 pounds of free, fresh fruits and vegetables to families in the region thanks to a new partnership with Farm Share, a local food bank that rescues produce from local farmers.

"The Healthy Student–Healthy Community team remained a staple in the Deerfield Beach Middle School community throughout the spikes of COVID-19 and persevered to continue to provide food access."

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