



# KFHA RESOLUTION



**“We Rescue Fruits and Vegetables...”**

WHEREAS, the Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations, representing an area of over 400,000 Miami Dade County citizens, has learned of the Governor’s veto of the Florida Legislature’s appropriation of \$750,000 for funding of the Farm Share food distribution program,

WHEREAS, the Federation is aware of the “FARM SHARE FACTS” below,

NOW THEREFORE, the Kendall Federation of Homeowner Associations adopts this Resolution **opposing the Governor’s veto** and calling for appropriate governmental initiatives to restore the Farm Share funding, thereby continuing the recovery and distribution of nutritious food to seniors and children of our State.

## **Farm Share Facts**

STATEWIDE July 2010 – June 2011

Established in 1991, Farm Share is dedicated to recovering, sorting, packing, and distributing nutritious foods for people in need. Farm Share administers a combination of USDA commodity programs and fresh produce recovery operations from two packing houses provided by The Florida Department of Agriculture. One is located in Homestead, Florida – in the heart of Miami-Dade County’s farming area – and the other is in the Florida Panhandle in Quincy. Farm Share maintains additional food handling facilities in Florida City and Pompano.

## The Facts on last year alone:

Farm Share distributed more than 18 million pounds of food to hunger distressed families; 3 million pounds more than the previous year.

- Of this amount, more than half was recovered produce and juices.
- Farm Share served 610,734 households throughout the state.
- Agencies feeding the hungry picked up food from Farm Share more than 3,800 times.
- Volunteers donated nearly 26,000 hours of their time.

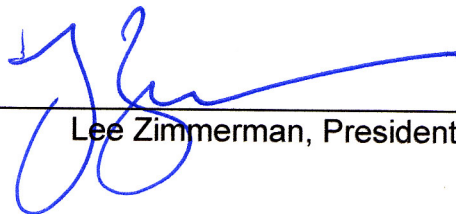
With an annual budget of \$1.5 million, Farm Share recovered more than \$32.2 million in food for Florida's hunger distressed. That is a 21 times (or 2100%) return for every single dollar invested.

- Farm Share has administrative expenses of only 1.5% annually.
- Farm Share uses inmate labor to keep expenses down.

Since 1991, Farm Share has been feeding hungry families and delivered nearly 287 million pounds of food – with a value of more than \$501 million – **free of charge**.

- Not passing on costs to agencies feeding the hungry allows Farm Share to serve more rural and impoverished areas than other organizations.
- Many of the agencies Farm Share supplies are small, volunteer-run non-profits such as churches, synagogues, soup kitchens and shelters that cannot afford to help carry the burden of expenses.

Resolution Approved by KFHA Board Of Directors On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011



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