



Thousands of volunteers pack \$110K of food for Brevard children



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Thousands in Brevard County are trying help out hungry children in their own backyards. The Children's Hunger Project teamed up with Health First and United Way of Brevard for the largest packing event on the Space Coast.

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The Children's Hunger Project said more than 30,000 children in the county are at risk for hunger. "In Brevard County, the number of kids is not the national average of 17 percent, but close to 50 percent and that number and that percentage is significant because the free and reduced price lunch program is the key indicator of hunger, poverty, malnutrition in a geographic area, staggering numbers," said Bob Barnes, from The Children's Hunger Project.

The food packed will be delivered to more than 1,000 kids at 26 different elementary schools every Friday so kids will have food to eat over the weekend.