# The Kind Mouse

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# The Kind Mouse Kids Quietly Filling Tummies with





### In 2011

- Upon learning of hungry children in my neighborhood I, an architectural draftsperson decided to help
- Joining forces with Pinellas County's Pack-A-Snack program I began feeding 5 children at a local school and visiting hotels to feed the hungry children there



- Thus The Kind Mouse was born
- Working out of a back bedroom in our home, I asked my fellow small business friends to help me feed the children
- Before I knew it the original 5 children we were feeding led to 50, then 75 then 100. I realized this was just the tip of the iceberg.
- So much more needed to be done!



- I knew this was a travesty and the world needed to know about this horrible epidemic
- 7000+ Chronically Hungry Children in Pinellas County
- 36,000+ Food Insecure Children in Pinellas County
- I sought the help of the media
- I met with everyone I could think of

- I spoke at meetings
- I held events
- But I knew I could not do this alone



- I realized that feeding children was not really the solution. It was just a band-aid.
- I needed to think long term.....
- By thinking of the next generation, possibly that would be a solution
- So "Kids Feeding Kids" was born

By teaching the next generation of children about food insecurity possibly



they would make a lasting impact on the hunger issues in our county and beyond

### Mice In Training was Developed

- Ages 5 12
- A 12 month commitment where children
- Run their own board meetings, learn Robert's Rules and vote by majority

- Learn to speak in public
- Run food drive
- Snack Size Individual Servings
  A 1st Grader Can Open On
  Their Own

  The Kind Mouse

  Mouse Nibbles Weekend
  Feeding Program
  Providing Weekend Food To Our
  Chronically Hungry Youth

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- Purchase food
- Pack food
- Raise awareness in the community
- Learn the business side of running a nonprofit
- Donor appreciation
- Each child chooses a "Mouse" name and becomes a "Mouse"
- Children from all schools were welcomed into "The Litter"

# Mice In Training was Such a Success that Mice Interns Soon Followed

- Ages 13 -18
- Have the same responsibilities as Mice In Training with increased commitments
- These teens mentor Mice In Training
- Participate in Community Outreach





### And then MOUSEVision was born!

- Mice In Training starting at age 11 and the Mice Interns run their own video production company
- Raise awareness of the hunger issues in our county through Social Media Videos and Commercials



# And these amazing kids even wrote and produced a song on hunger!

A
Safe Place
Was Created
for
ALL
The Children

### And My What a Successful Program It is!

### Next Generation of Leaders #KidsFeedingKids

An Outreach Program for Children ages 5-18 Raising Awareness of The Hunger Issues In Pinellas County and Assisting in Serving Those Less Fortunate

Mice In Training Ages 5 - 12 and

Mice Interns Ages 13 -18

Nonprofit Ownership
Running Board Meetings at Age 5
Learning Robert's Rules
Voting Rights
Organizing Food Drives
Purchasing and Packing Food
Donor Relations
Speaking at Events
Starring in MOUSEVision Hunger
Awareness Videos
Summer Internships

MOUSEVision Ages 11 -18

Mice Interns and Older Mice In Training

Write
Star
Costume Design
Makeup
Produce
Direct
Sound Mix
Shoot (Camera)
Edit

Their OWN Kind Mouse Awareness Videos and Commercials on YouTube



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**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

\$56,000

- Lily,17

#### **AWARDS**

WEDU Shining Star Nominee –Lily, at 16 WEDU Best Video Nominee – Elizabeth, at 17 WEDU Mason Dixon Volunteerism Award – Jingles, 12

Many of these children have been in the program since inception.

Such a Success

That 2019

Was Record Breaking for

The Kind Mouse!

**14,000 Pounds** of Food Was Donated

Through our Christmas Food Drive

We Filled 102,000+ Tummies

1,149 Children Received Mouse Nibbles Weekly

**2,350** Agency Partner Tummies Were Filled
On An Ongoing Basis

65 Individual Family Members

Participated

in Our 90 Day Program

**123,000** Pounds of Food Served

Look at All Those Christmas Donations! 14,000 Pounds! Our Kids Feeding Kids are very proud of themselves.

And we are very proud of them!

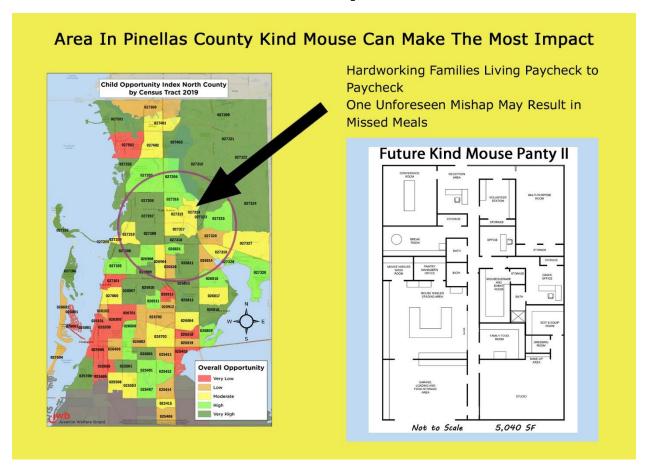


We are happy to say that we have filled so many tummies in The South County of Pinellas!

And now we are finding our newest needs are the children of North Pinellas County. So many are being underserved.

We have partnered with many of these agencies in the past months, but find the distance is an obstacle. Oh so many more could be served if we could only reach them....

# And so Kind Mouse is looking for Pantry #II where we could serve both the South and the North County!

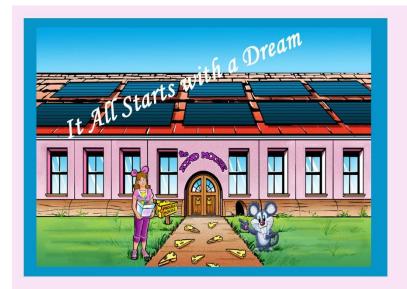


### By opening up Kind Mouse Pantry II

- We can have a larger impact on
  - The children and families we serve
    - Hungry Children
    - Chronically Hungry
    - Food Insecure
- Families living paycheck to paycheck
- A.L.I.C.E. Families

### PLUS!

- We can grow our #KMKidsFeedingKids program immensely!
  - Mice In Training
  - Mice Interns
  - MOUSEVision



# Kind Mouse Future Growth Kind Mouse Pantry II

Energy Efficient
Kid Friendly
Lots of Parking
Easy Access To Those
in Need

Clean
Safe
Functional
Bright and Cheery
Fun

A Place Volunteers and Staff Would Want To Go To





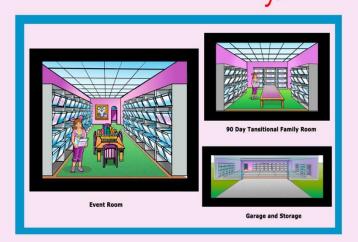
### Kind Mouse Pantry II

# The 2020 Kind Mouse Capital Campaign Committee

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A Place for All Kids To Go

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Safety is the most important factor to The Kind Mouse. We want a safe place for our Kids Feeding Kids, our Volunteers, Our Staff and Our Clientele. Yes, for all The "Mice".

Energy efficiency is also key. If we all do a little, a lot will get accomplished.

#### **Collaboration Is Key - Our Community Partners**

Angels Against Abuse Bee's Learning Boley Center Coral Heights Outreach

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County

Foundation for Sustainable Families

Hands Across The Bay Heels To Heal Juvenile Court

Juvenile Justice Department, DIVERT

Program

JWB's Community Partners

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Center

New Hope Youth Ministry

PCS Gibbs High Schoo Football Team

**PCS Innovation Academy** 

PCS Jane's Pantry Emergency Food Program

PCS John Hopkins Middle School PCS Lakewood Elementary School PCS Sawgrass Lake Elementary PCS Shore Acres Elementary PCS Woodlawn Elementary

Prayer Tower Serve St Pete SPPF MASTRS KIDS

St Anthony's Hospital Referral Program

St Pete Free Clinic

**US Coast Guard (During Government** 

Shutdown)

USFSP Summer Camp Volunteers of America Women With Purpose Youth Farm at Enoch Davis We know these partnerships will grow in size and number once we reach North County

### Thank you to the support of our Board of Directors, Our Board of Advisors and Building/Capital Campaign Committee

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And thank you to our Next Generation of Leaders! #KMKidsFeedingKids

My Succession Plan





Our Mission is to assist families in transition and their chronically hungry children while developing the next generation of volunteers to carry on the mission of The Kind Mouse. No hardworking individual and their family should ever go hungry.

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