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## **30,000 volunteers expected Jan. 27-31 to pack 5.4 million meals to feed 15,000 children on behalf of Feed My Starving Children**

Miami-Dade County Youth Fair to host event at Fairgrounds in Tamiami Park

**MIAMI, Fla.** – Jan. 19, 2015 – The Miami-Dade Youth Fair & Exposition will host an expected 30,000 volunteers on Jan. 27-31 at the Fairgrounds to pack 5.4 million meals on behalf of Feed My Starving Children. The goal is to feed 15,000 children in Haiti and Latin America for an entire year.

The event offers people wanting to help hungry children an opportunity to volunteer for 2-1/2-hour shifts during the five-day period. Training will be provided to meet Food & Drug Administration standards for food handling. The family-friendly event will keep the energy going with festive music and help from enthusiastic members of Feed My Starving Children.

Volunteers can register to be part of the South Florida Food Pack event, which promises to be the largest in the organization's history, by visiting [www.notaboutme.miami](http://www.notaboutme.miami). The Fairgrounds are located within Tamiami Park at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) and SW 107th Avenue.

“This opportunity is an example of our commitment to improving the lives of youth, not only in our community, but also around the world,” said Robert Hohenstein, president and CEO of the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition. “We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to lend a hand and make a global impact.”

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children is a Christian nonprofit that provides nutritionally complete meals for starving, malnourished and hungry people. The prepackaged dry meals – costing less than 25 cents each to make – are funded and assembled by donor-volunteers in the United States. Partners in the United States use the food to prevent starvation and curb malnourishment in children and families worldwide. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in its history.

**The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition (The Youth Fair)** is the largest charity event in South Florida. The not-for-profit association is dedicated to promoting education and agriculture while showcasing and rewarding youth achievement and providing quality family entertainment, all without taxpayer dollars. The annual Youth Fair exhibits more than 53,000 student projects to more than 650,000 Youth Fair guests and awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to students. To date, The Youth Fair has presented well above \$10 million to the Miami-Dade community. It was recognized in 2015 as the Leisure & Entertainment Services Firm of the Year by the Latin Builder's Association, the Non-Profit Organization of the Year by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and was the Diamond Award Winner for Outstanding Hospitality Entity by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. The Fair Exposition Center, which is the second largest convention center in Miami-Dade County, hosts an additional 70 community events each year. Visit [fairexpo.com](http://fairexpo.com) or call 305-223-7060.