



MFAN and US Foods Volunteers Pack 350 PCS Pantry Restock Boxes for Military Families Arriving at MacDill Air Force Base

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Pack event at US Foods Tampa will support families relocating to MacDill Air Force Base.

TAMPA, FL — The Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) and US Foods joined together on Oct. 9 to pack more than 350 PCS Pantry Restock Boxes for military families moving to the Tampa area. US Foods volunteers worked alongside MFAN staff at the US Foods Tampa location to assemble boxes filled with pantry staples and household essentials.

“As part of our Helping Communities Make It initiative, US Foods has an ongoing partnership with MFAN to support hunger-relief programs for military families. Through annual monetary contributions and associate volunteer events across the country, we’re proud to support MFAN’s work year-round,” said Sara Matheu, vice president of corporate communications for US Foods. “We’re honored to help MFAN expand its reach on a national level and show up locally to pack PCS Pantry Restock Boxes for military families relocating to MacDill Air Force Base.”

The PCS Pantry Restock program helps military families settle into a new home after a permanent change of station (PCS) move. The need is significant: MFAN’s latest Military Family 360 survey findings show that 47.2% of currently serving military family respondents reported low or very low food security, and more than 60% of respondents who completed a PCS move in the past two years paid over \$1,000 out of pocket for moving-related expenses beyond what was reimbursed.

“Nearly half of currently serving military families tell us they’re struggling with food security, and a PCS move can put even more pressure on a family’s budget,” said Janice Walton, MFAN Director of Programs. “We can’t meet that need alone. Partners like US Foods is helping us take what families tell us through our research and turn it into practical support.”

Through the program, families who moved to a participating installation within the last 90 days can receive approximately \$150 worth of pantry staples and household essentials. Participating families may also qualify for up to three months of grocery assistance through Instacart Fresh Funds. The program expanded in July to serve families relocating to MacDill Air Force Base and has delivered support to more than 7,000 military families nationwide.

With communities across the country facing food insecurity, US Foods believes in harnessing the power of food to empower communities in need with nourishment and opportunity. Through its partnership with MFAN, US Foods is helping expand the PCS Pantry Restock Program to military communities across the country, reaching more families with practical support when they need it most. Together, MFAN and US Foods are helping military families put food on the

table, ease the financial strain of a move, and feel more at home as they start over in a new community.

Military families relocating to MacDill Air Force Base can learn more and register at www.mfan.org/pcspantry.

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About Military Family Advisory Network

The Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) is a national nonprofit dedicated to understanding and responding to the needs of military-connected families through trusted research, collaborative partnerships, and direct programmatic support. MFAN is home to the Military Family 360 Survey, the nation's largest independent study of military families, and provides immediate assistance to tens of thousands of households each year. Learn more at mfan.org.

About US Foods

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