

Interfaith University Launches Food Drive Program After Viral Krispy Kreme Donation Sparks Community Engagement

PENSACOLA, FL, UNITED STATES, June 29, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A simple act of kindness involving doughnuts has transformed into a full-scale food outreach initiative, as [Interfaith University, a Christian Bible College](#), announces an initiative food drive program to serve underserved communities across Pensacola.

The initiative is in partnership with the "FOFMI Humanity Project", emerged following strong community reaction to a recent donation event, during which volunteers from [Interfaith University](#) distributed dozens of boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts to local families. The effort quickly gained traction online, with social media posts drawing attention to the university's hands-on involvement in the community.

According to an IU representative, what was initially meant as a small gesture sparked something far greater. "People responded not just to the doughnuts, but to the heart behind them. We received messages from families, pastors, and even local business owners who wanted to support something bigger."

Now formalized as a recurring program, Interfaith University in Partnership with the FOFMI Humanity Project will rotate locations throughout Escambia County and abroad. The food



distributions will provide non-perishable groceries, produce, and ready-made meals to families in need. Additionally, each event will usually feature prayer, information about IU, community services, and opportunities for connection and encouragement.

At the first official event held under the program, over 300 families were served. Volunteers helped distribute food, carried supplies to shelters, and prayed with individuals on site. The atmosphere was described by participants as welcoming and peaceful, with many expressing gratitude not just for the food, but for the intentional care.



One local resident in attendance stated, “It’s hard to ask for help. But when you’re treated with respect and not judgment, it makes all the difference. This wasn’t just a handout—it felt like hope.”

Interfaith University is integrating the food drive initiative into its academic structure. Students enrolled in ministry and leadership programs will be required to participate in outreach events as part of their experiential learning. Organizers believe this hands-on approach will prepare students for community-centered leadership roles in ministry, nonprofit, and advocacy sectors.

“We believe theology is best applied in service,” said another IU staff member overseeing student development. “Our goal is to produce graduates who know how to meet both spiritual and physical needs.”

The university has outlined an ambitious plan to grow the program over the coming year. In addition to maintaining events in Pensacola, the institution is exploring opportunities to expand the program to Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Talks are underway with regional partners, including churches, civic groups, and local food banks.

The original Krispy Kreme giveaway—though limited in scale—became a symbol of practical compassion. Posts from that event were shared widely, prompting both praise and questions from the public. In response, the university made the decision to move forward not with explanations, but with action.

“There’s always going to be speculation when something goes viral,” said a university outreach coordinator. “Our job is to stay focused on the mission. For us, that mission is service,

consistency, and showing up for our neighbors. Yes, our students can be quite passionate and exude excitement when sharing the heart of what we do here, however, rest assure they are students who have a heart to serve well.”

Community response has continued to be positive. Local businesses have contributed by sponsoring food boxes and offering volunteers. Churches have opened their facilities to host future events. Private citizens have even donated gas cards, diapers, and hygiene kits to be included in future distributions.

A longtime resident of Escambia County who recently attended one of the events commented, “It’s the first time in a long time I’ve seen something like this where it wasn’t about taking photos or credit. These people were just there to serve.”

As the program moves forward, Interfaith University remains committed to operating at the intersection of education, ministry, and community development. The Feed & Fellowship program reflects a growing trend among faith-based institutions to play a more active and visible role in addressing local needs.

“Our work doesn’t end in the classroom,” said an IU representative. “We believe the love of Christ is most powerful when it’s lived out in public—in parking lots, in apartment complexes, in food lines. That’s where transformation begins.”

Residents who wish to participate, donate, or volunteer can visit www.InterfaithU.net for more information.

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