

Rotary Club of Sarasota's Project Received District 6960's Pioneering \$40,000 Community Service Grant.

In April, 2017, Rotary District 6960's Grants Committee announced that it was going to begin awarding Community Service Grants of up to \$50,000. The projects must fall within The Rotary Foundation's six areas of service. Grant applications had to be submitted to the District Grants Committee by May 15, 2017.

After extensive contacts and legwork, the Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation submitted two applications. One was specifically in Arcadia, which is in District 6960; the other was a project intended to serve fresh and frozen foods to the food insecure in Sarasota and DeSoto County's rural areas, which includes all of Desoto County.

The District Grants Committee visited both projects and chose to award \$40,000 to All Faiths Food Bank so it could serve Sarasota and DeSoto County's rural food insecure. Gulf Coast Community Foundation is the major partner in this initiative. Area Rotary Clubs who contributed \$2,500 to the project have the club names listed on the truck's tailgate. Other donors who contributed \$2,500 or more to the initiative also have their names on the tailgate. The total cost of the truck, complete with its signage, is just under \$150,000.

On Thursday, August 10, it was a privilege to get the opportunity to cut the ribbon officially putting the AFFB Reefer on the road.



**The Refrigerated Truck, affectionately called
"The AFFB Reefer."**



**Left to right - Immediate Past District 6960 Governor Bobbi Bird, Rotarian Jim Henry,
All Faiths Food Bank CEO Sandra Frank, Gulf Coast Community Foundation Vice President Veronica Brady**