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## **Leon County Schools Announce Outstanding Partner for Excellence**

Tallahassee, FL - April 15, 2019 - Nelson Mandela once said “there can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” These words echoed through the Civic Center Friday, as Leon County Schools celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Leon County Schools Volunteer Program at the Annual District Volunteer, Mentor and Partner Recognition Event. Local roofing contractor, Tadlock Roofing, is named the Outstanding Partner for Excellence for the 2018-19 school year in the large business category.

The award recognition comes as a result of Amos P. Godby High School’s nomination of Tadlock Roofing after the two launched their partnership in July 2018 to combat food deserts in Tallahassee. Tadlock Roofing took the lead to collect 2,000 non-perishable food items in two weeks and donated a \$2,000 check to support the high school’s 2018-19 food pantry. According to Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Leon County ranks fourth for food insecurity of the state’s 67 counties.

The high school has been collecting food for the past couple of years for their pantry and feeds roughly 25 families throughout a school year who would likely go without on the weekends.

“After seeing first-hand the generosity of local business owner, Dale Tadlock, not only from a monetary standpoint but in getting the community involved with the effort and personally delivering 2,000 food items, there wasn’t any doubt of who we wanted to nominate for this award,” says Desmond Cole, principal of Amos P. Godby High School.

Leon County Schools vet every school nomination for the awards celebrated at the Annual District Volunteer, Mentor and Partner Recognition Event through a nomination review committee of judges who are given redacted copies of the nominations. Winners are announced in front of a live 500+ audience at the Civic Center in April. “It’s our way of saying ‘thank you’ to local businesses and volunteers like Tadlock Roofing for their astounding generosity,” says Rocky Hanna, superintendent of Leon County Schools.

For more information on ways to donate to Amos P. Godby High School's 2019-20 Food Pantry, contact Kelli Walker at [walker7@leonschools.net](mailto:walker7@leonschools.net) or (850) 510-9736.