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## In Focus This Week

### County elections offices give back

*Public service doesn't end on Election Day for these elections offices*

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This week is [Public Service Recognition Week](#).

Since 1985, PSRW is celebrated the first week of May to honor the men and women who serve as federal, state, county and local government employees.

From [blood drives](#) to canned food drives to coat collections, state and county elections offices go above and beyond the public service they perform as defined by their job description.

In honor of PSRW, electionline Weekly thought we'd take a look at three elections offices that are giving back to their communities through more than just voting.

We also know there are so many more state, county and local elections offices that serve their communities and we'd love to hear from you so we can highlight in future editions of electionline Weekly.

### Brevard County, Florida

In the nine years that she has been in office, [Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori](#)

Scott has spearheaded several charitable initiatives to assist the community including the office's annual participation in the WESH Share Your Christmas Food Drive.

To-date the office has collected more than 3,100 pounds of non-perishable food which is donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank that provides food and basic needs to more than 500 organizations across Central Florida.



*Some of the perishable items donated by Brevard County. Photo Courtesy of Brevard County Supervisor of Elections.*

Kimberly Dale, communications director said the feedback from residents of Brevard has been very positive. They have expressed their gratitude for the efforts of the office to help those less fortunate, have a holiday season filled with joy.

But the good works of the supervisor of elections office don't end with the holidays. The office participates in multiple charitable events.

"It is so important to be involved in your community and I am passionate about mine!" Supervisor Scott said. "Knowing the needs of my county helps me to determine the best ways to focus our efforts and reach the most people."

Scott noted that one of the fun community initiatives the office does each year is creating a cookbook and holding a bake sale/raffle to raise money for Project HUNGER. Over the past nine years participating in Vote to End Childhood Hunger the office has raised \$26,000. Additionally, each of the supervisors four administrative offices serves as a drop-off site for cell phones, which they donate to "Cell Phones For Soldiers". The donated items benefit active-duty troops and veterans. In the fall, staff collects school supplies and backpacks and donates them to Brevard Public Schools."

"We also participate in many charitable fundraisers including March for Babies and walks for the American Heart Association, Scott said. "I am blessed with a staff that is as passionate about our community as I am!"