



# The Present is Where the Past Meets the Future

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## *Carlos*

### HUNGER

Carlos was four years old and functioning far below the average for his age when he was welcomed into Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee. It was evident to the center that his family struggled to meet various needs—including the ability to provide him with proper nutrition—that led to severe food insecurity. But when Midwest Food Bank stepped in, the family's nutritional needs were met, and Carlos' academic achievements skyrocketed immediately. And now, just one short year later, he has mastered recognition of the alphabet, letter sounds and vocabulary and is exceeding expectations.