



Kerry Ricci, second from right, accepts the award for Covelli.

NOLA LALEYE

## **JUDGE'S CHOICE WINNER**

“A loaf of bread in everyone’s arms” is the mission statement of [Panera Bread](#).

In the past year, Covelli Family Limited Partnership donated more than \$20 million worth of food to pantries and shelters. Through 30 bakery-cafes in the Tampa Bay area, they were able to provide a retail value of approximately \$3.2 million worth of unsold bread and baked goods in 2015. In addition, through financial donations made to Feeding Tampa Bay, Panera was able to provide 250,000 meals to the Tampa Bay community, according to submission materials.

By donating money through the Community Breadbox program, Panera customers are able to join the charitable movement by donating money in boxes located near cash registers.

In 2015, the money collected in Covelli’s 30 cafes was donated to The Panera Bread Knead for Knowledge Scholarship Program benefiting Children’s Cancer Center, Moffitt Cancer Center, The Life Link Legacy Fund, A Kid’s Place of Tampa Bay, UF Health Cancer Center, Feeding Tampa Bay and St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital Foundation.