

A smiling woman with glasses and a young boy are standing in front of a large pile of food bags. The woman is wearing a grey tank top and a necklace. The boy is wearing a grey t-shirt with a blue logo that says "CENT" and "EAST".

**TOGETHER, WE
THRIVE.**

food makes it possible



82
MILLION
MEALS

Food is a meal – and so much more. Thanks to your support, food brings families to the table, fuels growing kids, nourishes neighbors facing chronic diseases and serves as the foundation for student success. Each meal represents an opportunity to improve health, restore hope and inspire change.



While it is true that one person always makes a difference, fighting hunger truly takes a village. Your support, as a caring and committed member of our community, is invaluable. With your help, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central

Florida distributed enough food for 82 million meals last year.

Each meal represents more than just sustenance. It's an opportunity to improve health, restore hope, and inspire change. Food empowers hardworking individuals to overcome unexpected emergencies. It fuels students to excel in the classroom and beyond. It enables seniors to live active and full lives. It is the foundation for adults to train and pursue new careers. This is the power of what food makes possible.

By working together, our friends and neighbors have access to the nutritious food they need today and hope for a brighter tomorrow. Because of the generosity and kindness of volunteers, advocates, and donors like you, Second Harvest Food Bank is fighting hunger, feeding hope and helping our neighbors thrive.

Thank you!

Derrick Chubbs | President & CEO



MISSION:

To create hope & nourish lives through a powerful hunger relief network, while multiplying the generosity of a caring community.

VISION:

Inspiring & encouraging our community to end hunger and help our neighbors thrive.

VALUES:

Service | Integrity | Stewardship
Respect | Accountability
Collaboration | Diversity



1 IN 8 PEOPLE

One in eight of our neighbors faces hunger due to a root cause like lack of affordable housing, education, or working a low-wage job. Community support makes it possible for Second Harvest to distribute nutritious food into the hands of kids, families, and seniors when they need it most.

FEEDING FAMILIES FACING HUNGER



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One day, Michele went to a mobile food distribution hosted by a Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida feeding partner. Volunteers filled the back of her truck with quality, nutritious food.

“My husband and I are diabetic. We rely on all the fresh foods,” Michele explains. “If we didn’t have you guys at Second Harvest, we wouldn’t make it otherwise.”

Michele brings home a variety of food, including boxes of meat, fresh produce, and nonperishable items, all of which help stabilize her family.

Despite facing their own day-to-day challenges, Michele and her family dedicate their time to helping others, a testament to their resilience and compassion.

“I’m receiving too, but it feels good for me to give back,” Michele says, emphasizing the empowerment that comes from being able to help others despite her own challenges.

“You helped my family greatly,” says Michele, with gratitude. “Because of you, we’re able to eat.”

“Every day I wake up, I’m blessed,” says Michele.

Michele is a wife, a mother and a devoted volunteer. She lives in Orlando with her husband, Bill, a disabled veteran, and her autistic son. She also struggles with medical conditions that prevent her from working. With the inflated cost of rent, utilities, clothing and groceries, there were days Michele went without food to make sure her son could eat.

“It was hard,” Michele recalls. “I was wondering



1 IN 8 CENTRAL FLORIDIANS

**IS FACING THE REALITY OF
HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY**



Second Harvest
Distributes Food Across a
7 COUNTY
SERVICE AREA



1 IN 6 KIDS

One in six Central Florida kids is at risk of going to bed hungry tonight. Hunger can impact their success today and derail their long-term growth and potential. Your support makes it possible to fight childhood hunger by providing the next generation with consistent access to healthy, nutritious meals year-round.

EMPOWERED TO HAVE **NUTRITION FOR SUCCESS**



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all students, the market provides essentials without questions or judgment. One student may come in for a snack, while another is grabbing ramen for dinner that evening.

“We do have students in our school who have major food insecurities, and they are really good at hiding it,” explains Keri Weeks, a school guidance clerk. “It affects their education. It affects everything.”

Childhood hunger poses risks to growth, development, academic achievement, and more. When students have access to the nutritious food they need, they can face algebra or anything else that comes their way.

“I’ve always wanted to help people in any way I can,” says Thomas, another student volunteer. “With this store, I’m helping people I don’t even know. It makes me feel like I have a purpose for this school.”

Together with volunteers and funders and a caring community, students are empowered to have the nutrition they need to succeed.

Outside Space Coast Junior Senior High’s Viper Nation Supply Station, students line up for free snacks, canned goods, and school supplies. The market, part of Second Harvest Food Bank’s School Partnerships Program, operates as a no-cost resource for students.

“We’ve got a little something for everybody,” says Victoria, a student volunteer who stocks shelves with items like granola bars, tuna, pasta and taco kits. Open to

School Partnerships:
69 SCHOOLS

**766,818
MEALS**



Kids Cafe:
27 LOCATIONS

**190,349
AFTER SCHOOL MEALS**



Summer Meals:
68 LOCATIONS

**88,842
MEALS**



870+ PARTNERS

With the help of food and financial donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, meals are distributed into the hands of neighbors through feeding partners such as food pantries, community meal programs, women's shelters, senior centers, day cares and after school programs.

WHERE FOOD COMES FROM | Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida rescues as much of the excess food in our community as possible. By working with food growers, producers, distributors, grocers, and community food drives, Second Harvest Food Bank can collect this valuable resource and get it into the hands of kids, families and seniors through a robust partner feeding network.

Much of the food is gathered from local sources, while others come from outside our community through partnerships with Feeding America and USDA's The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Due to a heightened, sustained demand for food assistance, the food bank purchases additional food resources each year.

WHERE FOOD GOES | Once food donations are received, the real work begins. Thousands of volunteers converge at Second Harvest each year to help sort and pack food for distribution. This massive effort, combined with an extraordinary network of feeding partners and programs, ensures that nutritious food reaches the hands of neighbors facing hunger across seven Central Florida counties.

Second Harvest distributes nonperishable, fresh, and frozen foods through food pantries, mobile food distributions, school partnerships, community meal programs, emergency shelters, senior centers, and daycares. Prepared meals from Mercy Kitchen also reach neighbors through after-school and summer programs for kids, medically tailored meals for patients with chronic illness, and home deliveries to homebound seniors.

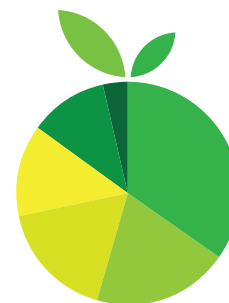
Another way Second Harvest helps put food on the table is by helping with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To ensure individuals, families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities have the help they need, Second Harvest's Benefits Connection Outreach offers experienced, friendly, and full-service SNAP application assistance at convenient locations across Central Florida.

Mobile Food Distributions:
595 EVENTS

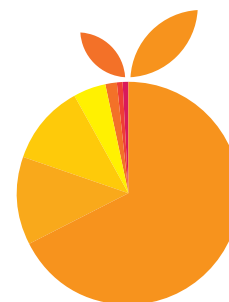
15,012,625
MEALS

Benefits Connection:
4,829 APPLICATIONS PROCESSED
\$12.9 MILLION
IN BENEFITS PROVIDED

SCAN BELOW TO WATCH
HOW FOOD GOES FROM
SOURCE TO TABLE



Retail/Wholesale	33.94%
Purchased Food	20.06%
Food Manufacturers	16.62%
USDA/Government	14.19%
Farmers/Growers	12.49%
Food Drives	2.71%



Emergency Food Pantries	66.17%
Day Care/Youth Programs	12.94%
Residential/Rehab Centers	8.79%
Multi-Service Providers	7.30%
Emergency Shelters	1.82%
Soup Kitchens	1.66%
Senior Programs	1.33%



73%

Second Harvest is committed to ensuring access to nutritious food by working with local farmers, vendors, retail partners, and food donors to increase the quality and quantity of healthy food available through its feeding partner network. Last year, 73% of the food distributed included fresh produce and nutrient-dense foods.

INCREASING ACCESS TO **NUTRITIOUS FOODS**



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to nutritious food,” says Mark Thompson, co-founder of The Picnic Project. The Picnic Project, a Second Harvest partner and member of the growing NPN, focuses on increasing fresh produce access through farmers market-style distribution, displaying items with recipe suggestions.

“We like the dignity of it, that folks get to choose,” Mark explains, noting how enthusiastic neighbors are about trying new foods. “Very few things have been hard sells. Like eggplant – we’ve been through thousands of pounds of eggplant this year.”

Each month, The Picnic Project also hosts a nutrition class with cooking demonstrations and health discussions. “We want to make sure everyone has food, that they know what to do with it when they have it, and we can try to eliminate some of the systemic things that led to them needing food in the first place,” Mark adds.

By taking a collaborative approach, Second Harvest is working to help improve health and well-being throughout Central Florida.

One of the ways Second Harvest is incorporating the health of the community into its core work is through the development of the *Nutritious Pantry Network*, which empowers neighbors facing hunger with nutritious options. Participating feeding partners allow neighbors to choose foods, encourage trying healthier options, offer nutrition education, and provide community resource referrals.

It’s so important for people to have access not just to food, but

Nutritious Pantry
Network Partners:

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Bring Hope Home:
50,134 DELIVERIES

**737,021
MEALS**

Nutrition Education:
685 CLASSES

**6,141
PARTICIPANTS**



Medically Tailored Meals:
42 PATIENTS

**11,284
MEALS**



16 WEEKS

The Second Harvest Culinary Training Program is a free 16-week continuing education opportunity offering adults facing barriers to employment with the culinary and life skills training needed to pursue a full-time sustainable career in the food industry.

THE POWER OF A **SECOND CHANCE**



When Derrick enrolled in the Culinary Training Program at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, he rekindled a lifelong passion for cooking inspired by his grandmother. He calls the program “a dream come true that dropped in my lap.”

Over 16 transformative weeks, Derrick immersed himself in hands-on lessons that expanded his culinary knowledge and ignited his aspirations to be a professional cook. Each day brought new challenges and discoveries – from mastering recipes tailored for food allergies to crafting plant-based dishes. “I never knew a non-meat Reuben could taste good,” he laughs, recalling his surprise.

Yet the program offered more than cooking skills. Derrick learned essential life skills – budgeting, teamwork, and interviewing – that prepared him not only for a career but for a journey of growth and resilience. The experience helped him realize his potential and deepened his commitment to continual self-improvement.

“There’s always room to grow, always more to learn,” Derrick reflects.

His drive and determination paid off. After graduating, he landed a cook position with a local nonprofit, where he’s building on the foundational skills from the program and carving a path toward his culinary dreams. Derrick’s journey embodies hope, grit, and the power of a second chance.



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CULINARY TRAINING PROGRAM
GRADUATES



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SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions and Grants	\$ 17,060,963
Fees/Grants from Government Agencies	\$ 13,749,679
Program Service Fees	\$ 4,128,821
Power Purchase Sales	\$ 4,999,395
Other Income	\$ 970,878
Donated Goods and Services	\$ 119,040,357
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 159,950,093

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$ 152,817,975
Management and General	\$ 1,862,991
Fundraising	\$ 4,096,517
Total Expenses	\$ 158,777,483

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$ 1,172,610

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,774,320
Investments	\$ 17,117,774
Accounts and Contributions Receivable	\$ 6,839,857
Inventory	\$ 5,050,182
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$ 584,599
Property and Equipment, Net of Depreciation	\$ 15,206,948
Notes Receivable	\$ 0
Total Assets	\$ 47,573,680

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,103,982
Notes Payable	\$ 831,444
Contingent Derivative Interest Rate Swap	\$ 0
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,935,426

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 37,210,960
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 7,427,294
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	\$ 0
Total Net Assets	\$ 44,638,254
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 47,573,680



Financial Efficiency

Program Services:

95.9%

Management/General:

2.6%

Fundraising:

1.5%



ROI

**\$10 PROVIDES
40 MEALS**



48,511 VOLUNTEERS

Thousands of volunteers converge at Second Harvest each year to help sort and pack food for distribution. Individuals and groups play an extraordinary role to ensure nutritious food reaches the hands of neighbors facing hunger.

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a difference. She even extends her impact by bringing friends along to volunteer with her.

“It is so important for everyone to volunteer in the food bank, especially during hard times,” explains Viviane. “For some people, the food that we help prepare and get out into the community is the only food available to them and their family.”

Viviane is a testament to the power of individual action. Every shift, she volunteers to help provide thousands of meals to Central Florida kids, families, and seniors facing hunger.

“I can see how there are people who need help and how it makes a difference when we help,” Viviane says.

Her dedication is a shining example of how one person can make a significant difference one volunteer shift at a time.

In 2020, Viviane volunteered for the first time at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Four years and 1800 hours later, she hasn't stopped.

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While Viviane often assists with sorting food donations at the main Orlando distribution center, her involvement extends beyond that. She actively advocates for hunger relief efforts, using her voice to make



Volunteer Impact:

**131,136
HOURS
DONATED**

Without Volunteers

63

**FULL-TIME STAFF
WOULD BE NEEDED**



Volunteers Save

\$4.3 MILLION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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