



Second Harvest
FOOD BANK
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
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The ingredients that feed
COMMUNITY

donors | partners | volunteers | advocates



Letter from the
PRESIDENT & CEO



You are an essential ingredient in Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida's hunger-fighting recipe. Your support as a donor, partner, volunteer, or advocate made it possible to distribute enough food for 82 million meals last year.

While our community faced unique challenges, including disaster relief efforts with Hurricanes Helene and Milton, your unwavering support ensured kids, families and seniors could access the nutritious food they need to thrive. Together, we also took steps towards closing the meal gap with an expanded Brevard Distribution Center in Melbourne and the Mobile Farmers Market initiative in Volusia County.

Because of you, the fight against hunger continues to transform lives through food-is-medicine initiatives, workforce readiness training, childhood hunger programs and more.

Thank you!
Derrick Chubbs

Derrick Chubbs | President/CEO



The new Brevard Distribution Center expands food storage and distribution efforts along the Space Coast and provides hands-on volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.



The Mobile Farmers Market allows participants to select from a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables each week.



Your support provided critical food and water to neighbors in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Our MISSION

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

Our VISION

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

Our VALUES

Service | Integrity | Stewardship
Respect | Accountability
Collaboration | Diversity



With the help of food and financial donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, meals are distributed into the hands of neighbors through

800+ FEEDING PARTNERS

such as food pantries, community meal programs, women's shelters, senior centers, daycares and after-school programs.



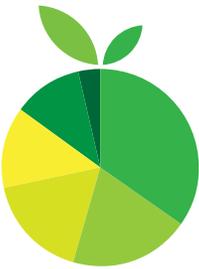
Feeding CENTRAL FL

FROM SOURCE TO TABLE

With the help of food and financial donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, Second Harvest distributes enough food for millions of meals each year. This prevents good, nutritious food from going to waste and provides relief and stability for kids, families and seniors. By collaborating with food growers, producers, distributors, grocers and community food drives, Second Harvest collects this vital resource and distributes it to neighbors through a robust feeding partner network.

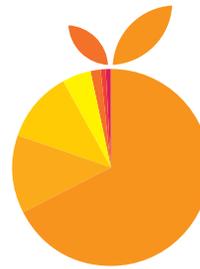
Once food donations are received, the real work begins. Thousands of volunteers converge at Second Harvest each year to help sort and pack food for distribution. This massive effort, combined with an extraordinary network of feeding partners and programs, ensures that nutritious food reaches the hands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

Another way Second Harvest helps put food on the table is by facilitating 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 Program offers experienced, friendly, and full-service SNAP application assistance at convenient locations across Central Florida.



WHERE FOOD COMES FROM

● Retail/Wholesale	35.52%
● Food Manufacturers	16.42%
● USDA/Government	15.55%
● Farmers/Growers	15.14%
● Purchased Food	13.97%
● Food Drives	3.40%



WHERE FOOD GOES

● 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%



SECOND HARVEST
DISTRIBUTES FOOD
ACROSS A
7 COUNTY
SERVICE AREA





1 IN 7 NEIGHBORS FACES HUNGER

due to root causes like lack of affordable housing, education, or working a low-wage job. Because of you, kids, families and seniors can access the nutritious meals they need to thrive.

Feeding NEIGHBORS



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Lee’s world turned upside down in the blink of an eye.

“Our car unexpectedly died while we were driving it,” she recalls, remembering the stress of being inside a stalled car in the middle of a busy highway.

Without reliable transportation, she lost her job, and her family was in crisis. Like many families who live paycheck to paycheck, Lee’s family was just one emergency away from experiencing hunger.

“It went from being perfectly stable... to everything overnight being different,” says Lee.

With two children — 10-year-old Christian, who has autism and epilepsy, and 4-year-old Olivia, who has a compromised immune system — Lee faced impossible choices.

“I had to delay important doctor appointments for my child because I couldn’t afford them,” she said. “Choosing between my child’s health and groceries or rent was upsetting to me, because I shouldn’t have to make that choice.”

Lee found a sense of relief when she turned to a food pantry supported by Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida for help keeping food on the table.

“I was happy to find that they had good produce, good proteins, snacks for the kids — and healthier options as well,” she says.

Her family has stabilized thanks to the support they found at the food pantry.

“Because of you, I no longer have to worry about putting food on the table for my kids,” says Lee, who has gone back to work part-time.



**MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
992 EVENTS**

**18,380,679
MEALS**



**BENEFITS CONNECTION:
4,155 APPLICATIONS PROCESSED**

**\$11.7 MILLION
IN BENEFITS PROVIDED**

1 IN 6 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. Second Harvest provides kid-friendly meals after school and during summer break to fuel their day.



Feeding FUTURES



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“I think it’s like Christmas and Thanksgiving because at Christmas you get and give gifts, and at Thanksgiving you’re thankful,” said Serena.

Emma and Serena were among a group of fifth-grade student ambassadors at Kissimmee Elementary at Benny’s Bodega, a new on-site school market. As school leaders, they are responsible for stocking the shelves inside the market.

Second Harvest’s School Partnerships Program is a student-centered, stigma-reducing approach to preventing childhood hunger. The on-campus markets are stocked with shelf-stable essentials for students to take home, and they also host monthly fresh produce distributions. The markets are open to the entire school, so there are no questions of need or eligibility.

With one in six children in Central Florida at risk of going to bed hungry on any given night, school markets provide students and their families with greater access to the nutritious foods they need to learn, grow and thrive both in and out of the classroom.

“Parents were asking our school liaison for food, and the fact that they were asking meant it was a need,” said Elizabeth Terry, principal at Kissimmee Elementary. “The students stock and the parents shop. We’ve had great responses.”



**SUMMER MEALS:
85 LOCATIONS
117,529
MEALS**



**KIDS CAFE:
27 LOCATIONS
185,429
AFTER SCHOOL MEALS**



**SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS:
76 SCHOOLS
884,240
MEALS**



Second Harvest is committed to ensuring the food available to our neighbors is nutritious by working with local farmers, vendors, retail partners and food donors to provide the community with fresh produce and nutrient-dense foods.

**LAST YEAR,
73% OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED
WAS NUTRITIOUS**

Nourishing LIVES



Participating feeding partners allow neighbors to choose foods, encourage trying healthier options, offer nutrition education, and provide community resource referrals.

Tina is a busy mom and grandmother. She balances family time with work and school schedules. She loves to cook but doesn't always have the time to prepare the home cooking that her mom did. Sometimes her health takes a back seat.

Through a conversation with her health provider about economic and social challenges, Tina was connected to Second Harvest and received weekly boxes filled with fresh produce and other staple items.

"When we would run out of SNAP funds, these boxes were very helpful," Tina recalls. "The vegetables came in handy."

She was excited to see what came in each box and looked up lots of recipes to make the most of the groceries. Some family favorites were stuffed bell peppers with cauliflower rice and all the different squashes.

"The biggest change to our diet was making mashed squash instead of mashed potatoes," she says. "It was something we never thought to make before but really liked it."

This method of screening for food insecurity and intervening to provide food resources is one way Second Harvest is working alongside healthcare partners to improve the wellbeing of our neighbors.



NUTRITIOUS
PANTRY NETWORK
PARTNERS:

16



BRING HOPE HOME:
48,443 DELIVERIES

618,149
MEALS



NUTRITION EDUCATION:
7,855 PARTICIPANTS

849
CLASSES



MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS:
48 PATIENTS

11,655
MEALS

Transforming lives begins
with building a foundation
for a successful future.

Your support of

WORKFORCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

equip adults with the
foundational skills to excel
in the local economy.



Empowering PEOPLE



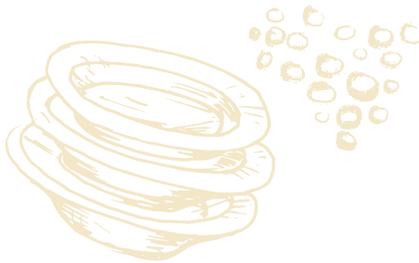
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Yaideliz's culinary journey began in her grandparents' kitchen, where she learned to cook alongside her grandfather. That early love of food eventually led her to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida's Culinary Training Program.

Her path wasn't without challenges. One of the hardest lessons was letting go of her personal cooking style to meet professional standards. With guidance from chef instructors, she learned knife skills, precision, and techniques across a range of cuisines — from Italian to African — gaining a deeper understanding of what employers expect in a professional kitchen.

Beyond cooking, the program helped Yaideliz build essential life skills like communication, teamwork, and confidence. Working alongside 13 classmates in a setting that mirrored a real kitchen, she stepped out of her comfort zone, built trust, and prepared for the fast-paced demands of the industry.

Today, Yaideliz is working at a restaurant at a local attraction and is excited to apply what she's learned in the real world. She calls the program "a hidden gem," praising its supportive environment and comprehensive curriculum. "I've been blessed," she says, grateful for the growth and opportunities that helped her reach her goals.



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CULINARY TRAINING
PROGRAM

GRADUATES



42,443 VOLUNTEERS

converged at Second Harvest last year to help sort and pack food for distribution. These individuals and groups play an extraordinary role in ensuring nutritious food reaches the hands of neighbors facing hunger.



Helping HANDS



Sharon made the decision of where she wanted to volunteer because the writing was literally on the wall.

The first time she walked into Second Harvest Food Bank's Mercy Kitchen and saw "Because of you, a child will eat today," painted on the wall, she knew it was where she belonged.

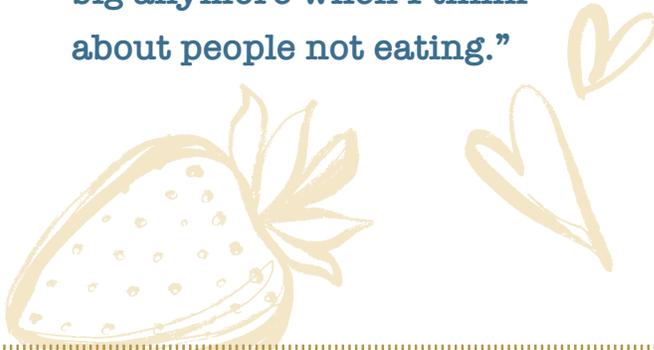
"This is where I need to be," Sharon told herself, affirming a belief that no one should have to want or need food.

Now an almost daily volunteer in the production kitchen, Sharon gladly takes on whatever role is needed, from sorting food to packing boxes. Her favorite role is on the production line preparing meals for kids.

Sharon keeps coming back for the fun and the friends she's made, and because it makes her day a little lighter and brighter.

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127,486
VOLUNTEER
HOURS DONATED



WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS
61
FULL-TIME STAFF
WOULD BE NEEDED



VOLUNTEERS SAVE
\$4.2
MILLION



As a social enterprise
of Second Harvest,

PLATE ABOVE CATERING

delivers exceptional food
and customer service for
corporate events and social
occasions. Every event brings
people together and helps
nourish neighbors facing
hunger in our community.



437
EVENTS

25,413
GUESTS



2024/2025 FINANCIALS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions and Grants	\$ 17,232,777
Fees/Grants from Government Agencies	\$ 11,988,184
Program Service Fees	\$ 4,496,432
Power Purchase Sales	\$ 5,098,715
Other Income	\$ 1,519,755
Donated Goods and Services	\$ 136,915,146
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 177,251,009

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$ 169,826,458
Management and General	\$ 2,944,711
Fundraising	\$ 4,956,760
Total Expenses	\$ 177,727,929

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ 476,920

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,801,962
Investments	\$ 13,456,306
Accounts and Contributions Receivable	\$ 7,438,515
Inventory	\$ 6,140,843
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$ 539,028
Property and Equipment, Net of Depreciation	\$ 20,710,474
Notes Receivable	\$ 0
Total Assets	\$ 56,087,128

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 4,119,500
Notes Payable	\$ 429,633
Contingent Derivative Interest Rate Swap	\$ 0
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,549,133

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 44,582,139
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 6,955,856
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	\$ 0
Total Net Assets	\$ 51,537,995
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 56,087,128

FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY



PROGRAM SERVICES:
95.55%

FUNDRAISING
2.79%

MANAGERIAL/
GENERAL:
1.66%

RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)



**\$10 PROVIDES
40 MEALS**

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