



# food thought

FALL 2024



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## WHEN A *hurricane* Strikes

When a hurricane strikes, its impact on communities can be devastating, making access to food critically important. Second Harvest is ready to provide essential services during disaster relief efforts. **Our mission is to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry, especially in challenging times.**

Our team works tirelessly to deliver emergency food supplies, making sure those in need receive nutritious meals. We set up distribution points in strategic locations to facilitate immediate access to assistance.

In addition, **we support emergency services and partner agencies.** Organizations such as the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and the Salvation Army rely on Second Harvest for food supplies. These partnerships are crucial for a coordinated and effective disaster response.

A key asset in our disaster relief efforts is our state-of-the-art kitchen. This facility allows us to prepare large quantities of hot meals quickly and safely. During a hurricane, when power outages and infrastructure damage can limit cooking options, our kitchen enables us to prepare and distribute thousands of meals to shelters and emergency workers.

As an affiliate of Feeding America, we benefit from a national network of 200 food banks. This partnership ensures that food, water, and staff can be mobilized rapidly during disasters.

Dennis James, Director of Chatham EMA, stated, **"Second Harvest's new facility is a crucial resource. Its strategic location and robust infrastructure support our community and emergency workforce effectively, ensuring a swift response and enhanced safety."**



President St. under water from Hurricane Matthew storm surge.

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## FROM THE *Executive Director*

At Second Harvest, we believe in the power of community. Our work wouldn't be possible without the incredible support from our volunteers, donors, and partners. Together, we form a network of compassion and solidarity, ready to respond when disaster strikes.

**In preparation for this hurricane season, we are actively stocking our shelves, training our volunteers, and refining our response plans.** We know that timely and effective action can make all the difference in a disaster scenario, and we're committed to being there for our community every step of the way.

To ensure that you have the most up-to-date information on hurricanes and available resources, we urge you to stay informed through CEMA and the Emergency Management Agency in your county. We will update them with our latest information.

**Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia is more than just a food bank; we are a lifeline for our community during hurricanes and other disasters.** Our comprehensive approach to disaster relief, from food distribution to emergency meal preparation, ensures that we can meet the diverse needs of those affected. We are here, we are ready, and we will continue to stand strong with our community, no matter what challenges come our way.

Thank you for your continued support, and please stay safe this hurricane season.

With gratitude,

Mary Jane Crouch  
Executive Director

## JOIN THESE HUNGER HEROES and Take Action Against Hunger







We will continue to strive to provide the best service, enabling our communities to fight to **#helpendhunger**.

## 2024 *Agency Conference*

Second Harvest welcomed over 120 partner agencies to our annual conference in June. The Agency Relations Team was thrilled to host partners in Savannah and Jesup, providing an opportunity to meet and network.

**The conference brings our 21-county region together to collaborate and learn from one another. Without our partner agencies, we could not complete our mission!**

In addition to showing appreciation for our agencies, we shared important updates, heard about their specific community needs, and discussed strategic initiatives to address the increase in food insecurity. Elizabeth Waters, Director of Programs, likened this conference to a “refresh button,” ensuring all agencies receive consistent information and a space to bring suggestions, concerns, or questions to the table.

Second Harvest is invested in supporting our partner agencies. We were honored to have The Mediation Center as our guest speaker, providing strategies to help nurture ourselves while supporting our communities.

## INTRODUCING SECOND HARVEST'S *Inaugural Teen Board*

**We are thrilled to announce our inaugural Teen Board, aimed at fostering youth engagement and addressing hunger in our local community.** Spearheaded by passionate young leaders Anna Creel and Phoebe Lynch, Juniors at St. Vincent Academy, the Teen Board is set to make a profound impact on combating food insecurity.



Anna shares, “Second Harvest was one of the first non-profit organizations Phoebe and I volunteered with. We were about ten years old, packing food after Hurricane Matthew. Our love for volunteering sparked the idea for a Teen Board, providing teenagers with opportunities to give back.”



Phoebe adds, “Together, we hope to make a difference in the community. Our goal is to increase teen involvement and reduce the number of people who have to choose between basic needs and having a meal every day. We aim to spread Second Harvest’s mission and bring awareness to the fight to end hunger.”

The board kicked off in March, and since then, the teens have met twice and participated in several volunteering opportunities.

**“The Second Harvest Teen Board embodies the spirit of youthful leadership and community involvement. It’s truly inspiring to see our future leaders taking proactive steps in supporting and educating others.** Their efforts are not only making a difference but also setting a powerful example for others to follow,” remarked Maja Ciric, Chief Development Officer, as she invited young people to join our Teen Board.

**If you know a teenager interested in joining Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia’s Teen Board and making a difference in the lives of those in need, please contact Emily Westbrook, Development Coordinator, at [ewestbrook@helpendhunger.org](mailto:ewestbrook@helpendhunger.org) or call 912.446.3731.**

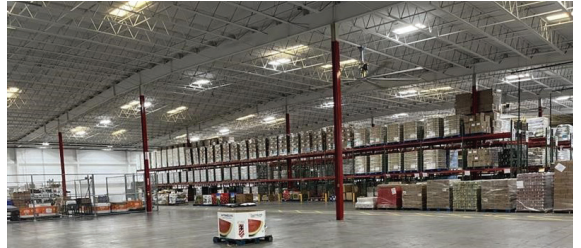
## BUSY IN *Brunswick*

We are excited to update you on the progress Second Harvest Southeast Branch has made since moving to our new 55,000 sq. ft facility. **The move to 2591 Sidney Lanier Drive has significantly expanded our capacity to serve, enhancing our impact** across the seven counties the Southeast Branch focuses on. Since October 2023, we have distributed 3.8 million pounds of food to those in need, and we are on track to reach 6 million pounds by October 1st, our highest distribution goal yet.

With volunteer support from Sea Island Cares, Community Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, St. Mark's, First Baptist Church of Dalton GA, Job Corps, Sam's Club, St Simons United Methodist Church, and Kiwanis Club, **we packed an astounding 10,000 boxes for our mobile pantries** in just six weeks. Our Volunteer Training Coordinator, Caroline, has played a crucial role in preparing and organizing our volunteers effectively.

**We have expanded our team** to include a Warehouse Coordinator, Ryan. Our new facility houses nearly 4,000 sq ft of cooler and freezer space that provide ample opportunity to store fresh produce and frozen proteins for our partner agencies food distributions and congregate feeding programs. The warehouse coordinator plays a key role in welcoming and facilitating order pickups for our partner agencies, guaranteeing a timely distribution process.

**With the help of our new Program Coordinator, Liz, we have welcomed 13 new agencies** into our network hailing from Glynn, Wayne, and Brantley counties with several more expressing interest in joining us to combat food insecurity. We are excited to announce two upcoming fundraisers hosted by Glynn Visual Arts and the Friends of Davis Love Foundation that benefit Second Harvest. Your support of these events will help further our mission to combat food insecurity in our communities.



## Empty Bowl 2024

GVA Pottery Studio members are "turning out" their best work for the tenth year to raise funds to help end hunger!



**EMPTY BOWL ONLINE AUCTION  
OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 9TH**

For additional info and to get involved visit [glynnvisualarts.org](http://glynnvisualarts.org)



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# HURRICANE SEASON

## JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Preparing for hurricane season is crucial to ensuring safety and resilience; Second Harvest and CEMA provide vital resources and updates to help our community stay prepared.

### REGISTER FOR CEMA ALERTS

- Text CEMA to 77295 to register for text alerts or visit [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org) to register for email alerts.
- Follow CEMA on Facebook, X, and Instagram for tips and real-time emergency updates.

### PREPARE NOW FOR THREATS

- Create Family Emergency Kits
- Document Items within your Home
- Know your Evacuation Zone



### ASSISTANCE FOR AT-RISK RESIDENTS

- Use Chatham Area Transit buses during evacuations.
- Residents with functional, access, or medical needs should register for the Hurricane Registry.
- To apply, call 1-833-CHDE-REGISTER (1-833-243-7344).



Scan this QR Code for CEMA Hurricane Preparedness Presentations.



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#### PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

The Emporium Kitchen and Wine Market, 17Hundred90 Inn & Restaurant, The River House, Circa 1875, Plant Riverside District, The Rhett, Cha Bella, The Fitzroy

#### PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

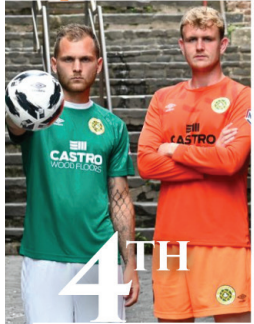
HOWL Ceramics, Autumn Gary, Mariana Langley, Penelope Moore, Brandon Price, Jared Seff, Shelley Smith

*Tour d'Epicure*

FOOD - WINE - ART

# IT'S A DATE!

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH** IS THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION AND RAISE AWARENESS OF HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES.



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**HUNGER  
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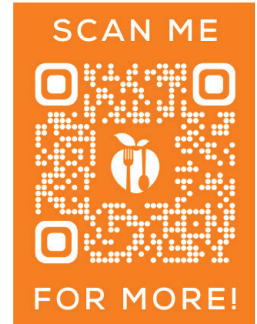
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**SIPS  
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**& MUCH  
MORE!**

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## DRIVE AWAY HUNGER

TAKING A SWING AT ENDING HUNGER!

**NOVEMBER 1, 2024**  
BENEFITTING SECOND HARVEST OF COASTAL GEORGIA

**MARSHWOOD CLUB  
THE LANDINGS ON SKIDAWAY ISLAND  
SAVANNAH, GA**

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