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FALL 2013



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Chefs' Table

Tuesday, October 15

Golf for Birdies

Monday, November 11

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With a Growing Need for More Summer Feeding & Kids Cafe Sites, Our New Van from Arby's Arrived Just in Time

We love our Nissan NV200 van. America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia was chosen as one of five Georgia non-profits to receive a capital investment grant from the Atlanta based company, Arby's and their Foundation. The first donation, as a result of this grant, was unveiled on June 14 with the help of 50 children from the Savannah Salvation Army Kids Cafe. The van has been retrofitted with a refrigeration system in order to deliver meals for summer feeding and Kids Cafe. "We are committed to the state of Georgia and are proud of the impact these investments will make in the lives of so many children," said Kate Atwood, Executive Director of the Arby's Foundation.

This summer America's Second Harvest was able to provide 122,797 meals through 72 participating sites in eight counties, with Appling and Liberty counties participating for the first time.

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From the Executive Director's Desk:



Dear Friends:

Low income families often dread the summer months when school subsidized meals are not available. Thanks to you, this was not the case for nearly 5,000 children who ate nutritious breakfasts, lunches or dinners every day at sites throughout our region because you helped.

In partnership with Share Our Strength, the United States Department of Agriculture and you, we were able to bridge the summer meal gap for thousands of local children.

Children at 72 sites throughout Appling, Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Tattnall and Wayne counties were served 122,797 wholesome meals this summer. **THANK YOU** for helping us provide nutritious, hot meals, to satisfy hungry tummies.

View of remaining ceiling panels at the East end of the walk-in freezer. The freezer had to be removed piece by piece in order to save the pallets of food that the ceiling was resting on.

As we go to press, I am sure you are all aware of the difficult time we are facing since our 30,000 cubic foot walk-in freezer's roof collapsed over Labor Day weekend. We appreciate all of the outreach and support we have received. Through food drives and generous donations, we are able to continue to provide to our agencies and community in need.

Soon, the fall and holiday season will be upon us, we hope we can continue to count on **YOU** to support our programs for hunger relief in our community. You make our mission possible.

With sincere appreciation,



Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director



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Chefs' Table: Celebrating 21 Years of Fine Cuisine & Feeding Children

Since 1992, local chefs have been donating their time and expertise to make Chefs' Table a culinary delight as well as the leading fundraiser for childhood hunger in our area. Now, in its twenty-first year, this elegant evening begins with exceptional hors d'oeuvre stations hosted by ten of our featured chefs. An exquisite three-course dinner with an amuse-bouche (chef's offering), the entree, and the finest sweet confections completing the evening.

Chefs' Table is renowned for its silent auction offering unique packages to suit the finest tastes and a live auction featuring exclusive, culinary delights donated by local chefs, restaurants and area clubs.

Chefs' Table benefits the food bank's Kids Cafe program, our nationally recognized initiative to relieve childhood hunger. Kids Cafe provides a hot evening meal as well as tutoring and mentoring for more than 3,600 children each day during the school year.

There are a variety of opportunities to support Kids Cafe, including sponsoring the program to ensure relief of childhood hunger in our community. For more information about Kids Cafe or the food bank, please contact Mary Jane Crouch at 912. 721.1790.

Chefs' Table

Featured Chefs

- Vincent Burns, The Olde Pink House
- Simone Concas, Wilmington Island Club
- Paul Ganem, Johnnie Ganem's Package Shop
- David Gordon, Hyatt Regency Savannah
- Gerald Green, Garibaldi's Cafe
- Dusty Grove & Matthew Roher, The Landings
- Geir Kilen, The Mansion on Forsyth Park
- Roberto Leoci, Leoci's Trattoria
- Nick & Tracy Mueller, Chef Nick Mueller & Co.
- Ted Paskevich, Joe's Homemade Cafe
- Debbie Reid, Savor Savannah
- John Roelle, Brasserie 529
- Marvin Sterling, Ruth's Chris Steak House



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Birds of a Feather, Fundraise Together

This November, you can put turkeys on the table for local families in need and work on your golf game at the same time! Flamingo Food & Beverage, Inc. presents our 7th Annual Golf for Birdies tournament, chaired by local business leader and board member, J.T. (Tripp) Turner, III.

Join us Monday, November 11 at 8:30 am for a shotgun start at the beautiful Savannah Golf Club. Teams of four play for \$600 and individuals play for \$150 each. Registration includes prizes, goody bags, and lunch. Proceeds from this tournament provide holiday turkeys for needy families.

A variety of sponsorship packages are available. Registration must be received no later than October 19. If you can't make the date, consider sponsoring a veteran to play in your place and we'll make the arrangements for you.

Proceeds from last year's tournament provided 5,000 turkeys for local families in need. To take part in this worthwhile tournament, please call Dianne Franz at 912.721.1789 or dfranz@helpendhunger.org. See you on the green!

Each player's entry fee of \$ 150 provides Turkeys for 13 Families.

Each foursome entry of \$ 600 provides Turkeys for 56 Families.

Scott West - You are a Hunger Hero

We sincerely appreciate the support you have given to America's Second Harvest with the numerous food drives this summer. Through your efforts to raise awareness and gather support at Rose Public Kitchen, Families First Funeral Care, Bright Life Chiropractic and Saint Leo's University, we have received well over 1,000 lbs of much needed canned goods.

Thank You!



Utilizing food and education to improve lives and create a hunger-free community.

Southeast Branch Close-Up

Second Harvest Brunswick launched the Second Harvest Supper Club (SHSC) on August 14. The kickoff event was held at Ziggy Mahoney's on Saint Simon's Island and was sold out to a crowd of 100. Thank you to Keenan Carter for his fine hospitality and entertainment as well as David Ouimet of Purple Sage Catering who prepared the dinner. It was a truly delightful August night full of good food, friends and fun for a great cause - to help provide meals for people with food insecurities.

SHSC will meet at a different restaurant in the Golden Isles area the second Wednesday of every month. Join the group on Facebook and find out where we will be dining next. No membership required. All you do is dine out at the featured restaurant, tell your server you are dining out to benefit Second Harvest and 20% of your tab will be donated to the Brunswick branch of Second Harvest.



SHSC Servers: Mary Griffiths, Dana Parker, Kalista Morton, Community Relations, Second Harvest Brunswick branch, Lorena Harris, Georgia Kellogg and Carmen Knox

SHSC Second Harvest Supper Club

Oct 9 - Ocean Lodge
Nov 13 - Bennie's Red Barn
Dec 11 - Doug's Fireside Grill,
 Join our special guests
 Mr. & Mrs. Claus and take your
 holiday photo.

October 13 - Second Sunday in Gascoigne Park, 1-7pm.
November 7 - Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a, St. Simons Island
November 4-10 - Birdies for Love, McGladry Classic
December 12 - A Bakers' Dozen - The bakers are coming back just in time for the holidays. Each of our Bakers' Dozen Volunteers will be busy baking twelve dozen cookies. All cookies will be beautifully packaged and ready for you to deliver to that special someone.

FLETC - Feds Feed Families

America's Second Harvest is very proud to announce they we were the fortunate recipients of the "Feds Feed Families" summer-long food drive again this year. Federal agencies across the nation participate, and in Brunswick, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) collected over 19,717 lbs of food this summer and donated it to Second Harvest.

Last year, with the support of our community we were able to provide more than two million pounds of food to low-income children, seniors, families and the homeless. We thank the FLETC staff and students for their assistance over the past five years. Join us in the fight against hunger.



America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Serves 21 Counties

170,765 (22.3%) - People Live in Poverty
 58,999 (31.2%) - Children Live in Poverty
 137,699 - Total Number of Children Enrolled in Schools
 85,710 (67.46%) - Number of Children that Qualify for
 Subsidized Meals at School

This is the face of childhood hunger in our service area.



Learning and Lending a Hand

On August 29, Launch Savannah, part of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, that recognizes the importance of fostering an environment that attracts young talent in our community, spent the evening volunteering and networking at the food bank. The group of 55 emerging young leaders packed boxes for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and then enjoyed culinary treats prepared by our own staff from Grace's Kitchen.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a USDA nutrition program that provides monthly food assistance specially targeted at low-income seniors. The program is a method of supplementing diets with healthy, nutritious food. Many seniors face a difficult choice the last week of each month. Money is tight and therefore they are faced with choosing between food and other basic needs, such as medication, utilities or rent.

Each month volunteers pack 783 CSFP boxes for seniors at risk for hunger and Second Harvest distributes them across 14 counties, in our Coastal Georgia service area, including Chatham county.



LaunchSAVANNAH Assembly line of efficiency.

Volunteers from The Coastal Bank & Howard Dental networking after packing boxes.



Grace's Kitchen Staff: Terri, Chef Wash, Meka and Ms. D.



Elizabeth Hayes of Savannah requested that her birthday guests forgo the traditional gifts this year. Instead, she asked all her friends to bring a jar of peanut butter to donate to the food bank. What person, young or old, doesn't love peanut butter?

Do you know why peanut butter is so popular and a much needed commodity

for food banks? Peanut Butter is a kid-friendly source of protein that has a long shelf life, meets most religious restrictions on food and doesn't require special storage or cooking.

With the recent collapse of our freezer, we desperately need donations of protein items, such as canned tuna, chicken, beef stew and of course, peanut butter.

Partner Spotlight



Great Dane

Great Dane has offered, at no cost, two 53-foot Everest refrigerated trailers to America's Second Harvest to store frozen foods salvaged after our 30,000 cubic foot walk-in freezer roof collapsed over Labor Day weekend.

Great Dane, which built a new custom refrigerated trailer for Second Harvest earlier this year, is lending us the additional trailers for up to six months, the estimated time it will take for the freezer repairs to be completed. The two refrigerated trailers are replacing four cold storage trucks that were initially rented on an emergency basis after the collapse. With this most gracious offer from Great Dane trailers, Second Harvest expects to realize over \$43,200 in rental fee savings throughout the six months of freezer repair.

FIVE GUYS[®] October 22 BURGERS and FRIES

Come out to Five Guys in the Twelve Oaks shopping center (5500 Abercorn St. Savannah) to help support America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. Up to 20% of the fundraising sales will be donated to **help end hunger!** The fundraising night will be held on Tuesday, October 22 from 5:00-9:00pm, so come out and enjoy a fresh and juicy Five Guys burger.



Sam's Club on Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah has been a longtime supporter of America's Second Harvest through food donations and volunteer hours. As soon as Sam's heard our freezer roof fell in, they stepped in and offered us one of their 53-foot refrigerated trailers to assist with frozen food storage. Sam's will allow us to use the trailer indefinitely while we move forward with rebuilding our freezer.

September is HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Tour the food bank

Write a letter to the editor

Dedicate your Facebook to Hunger

Share some hunger facts

Conduct a food drive

Volunteer at the food bank

Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against Hunger



Visit www.helpendhunger.org to join the local fight!



Backpack Buddies

School has started and so has the Backpack Buddies program. \$145 provides healthy, nutritious food for low income, school age children for 36 weekends throughout the school year. Donate today and help our children with hunger on the weekends!



Join South Magazine for Dine South. October 3, 6-9pm.
Second Harvest is the charity of choice.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER



JOIN US IN THE FIGHT.
Drop off non-perishable food items at any Ameris Bank location. Your donation, plus an Ameris Bancorp monetary donation, will be given locally to:

Second Harvest Food Bank
DONATE OCTOBER 1-31

Scan the QR Code for more information on Helping Fight Hunger.

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1 "Hunger in America", FeedingAmerica.org, 2013

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The Harvest of Southern Hospitality

NOVEMBER 11 — 17, 2013

Bring 5 Canned Goods or Non-Perishable items for Second Harvest to the River Street Wine Stroll & Taste of the Savannah and save \$5 off of one admission.





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