

# food *for* thought

FALL 2015



Congressman Buddy Carter visited the children at Bull Street Library.



Board member, Dr. Saylon Johnson with a grandmother and her grandchildren.



Library volunteers, Delores Gulley and Asia LaVant help feed the children.



Michele Chivore, Lucy Melcher, and Mary Jane Crouch



## Chefs' Table

Tuesday, October 13

## Golf for Birdies

Monday, November 9

2016

## Tour D'Epicure

Sunday, February 28

Congressman Buddy Carter, Michele Chivore, Campaign Director for the Georgia Food Bank Association and Lucy Melcher from Share Our Strength joined Mary Jane Crouch and board members from America's Second Harvest to celebrate the Bull Street Library as a new Summer 2015 feeding site. The library was a wonderful resource for food for the neighborhood children as well as relief from the heat with hundreds of books to read. Share Our Strength celebrated with orange shades for summer fun!

One grandmother said she "thanked god" when she saw that the library would be a participant of the program. Summer Feeding was an answer to her prayers to feed her grandchildren for June and July. Her daughter has a full time job and therefore she is the babysitter for the summer. Her grandchildren qualify for the free lunch program throughout the school year so Summer Feeding relieves stress for daily summer meals. "My, my the summer is a difficult time for folks with a family to feed. I am fortunate that I can help my daughter with caring for her children; I do not know what other families do with no extended family around to help."

The federal summer meals program helps low-income children get the healthy food they need when school is out. As we transition from Summer Feeding to the school year and Kids Cafe, Congress is working to re-authorize child nutrition programs. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 is set to expire on September 30, 2015. During this process, Congress will debate funding, ways to improve the programs and develop new policies to make sure our nation's children will have access to nutritious food they need to grow up healthy and succeed.

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## From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia is celebrating thirty-four years of serving our community. In this country of magnificent bounty, we have neighbors that live with food insecurity.

I was at a meeting last week, and the topic was our "Aha Moment". I didn't have to give it a lot of thought as I remember it all too well. It was late in the afternoon at the food bank when a young woman came in to ask for food assistance. She explained that she worked but after being in an abusive relationship had moved out and as a single parent just couldn't make ends meet. She told me that she gave her two children glasses of water at night so the growling of their stomachs wouldn't keep them awake. She didn't ask for food for herself, but asked if we could provide food for her children. That was my moment

of realizing how blessed I am and also how privileged I am to work with an organization that can make a difference not only to her family, but to the thousands of families, children, seniors and individuals that we serve every day.

Your support helps make that difference, and we thank you for your gifts of time and donations. What was your "Aha Moment" because you help make others happen.

I hope that each of you will join Second Harvest by getting involved. We believe no one should be hungry and together we can make it happen.

With my sincere appreciation,

*Mary Jane*

Mary Jane Crouch  
Executive Director

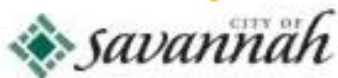


Skidaway Island Rotary Club in their Aha Moment making a donation to fund a Kids Cafe site and volunteering to pack food boxes for seniors.

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# YOU CAN HELP

## GETTING TO KNOW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, EMILY GOOD



We have added a new position of Volunteer Coordinator with a familiar face, Emily Good. Emily is no stranger to the food bank; she began working as the Agency Relations Coordinator two years ago. She thoroughly enjoyed her time in that position but is very excited to transition to something new.

Emily grew up in Conyers, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. She moved to Savannah about seven years ago and graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University. Emily loves working with people and can't wait to further develop the volunteer program at Second Harvest.

She loves helping children and is a volunteer tutor at a Kids' Cafe site, Performance Initiatives. Emily is a huge animal lover and very passionate about rescuing pets. In her free time, you can find Emily spending time with her family and dogs in Rincon, GA or shopping thrift stores for amazing finds.

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE

Second Harvest could not operate without your support. Opportunities include food sorting, stocking shelves, packing brown bags for the elderly and emergency food boxes, special events, and administrative duties.

Contact Emily at [egood@helpendhunger.org](mailto:egood@helpendhunger.org) or 912.721.1795 for more information and to schedule your day of service in Savannah. To volunteer at our Brunswick warehouse, please contact Jamane Scott at 912.261.7979.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

### 3,500 Volunteer Hours Completed this Summer

Agape Empowerment Ministries, Armstrong State Univ, Coastal Center for Developmental Services, Columba House, Effingham Youth Camp, First UMC Church, GAP/ Banana Republic, Girl Scouts, Good Shepard Lutheran, Greater Mt. Bethel Holiness Church, Ladies of Leisure, Messiah Lutheran Church, Old St Paul's Church, Pinyan Company, Roswell UMC, Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Dept, Savannah Early College, Savannah State, Sea Island Bank, South Effingham ROTC, Target, UPS, Victoria Runs, Wells Fargo, Yancey Bros, Youth Works.



Volunteers from Reidsville UMC packing pasta during the Southern Legislative Conference "Campaign for Hunger".



Integral Properties-Ashley Midtown packed emergency food boxes for the Mobile Food Pantry program.



Vivint volunteers painted barrels in preparation for Fall food drives.

## Southeast Branch Close-Up Second Harvest Supper Club



Rebecca Hayslip, Bue Quinn, Ainsley Toal, Steve Howell, Jonathan Godley Mellow Mushroom on St Simons Island hosted the June Supper Club and raised funds to provide the equivalent of 875 meals for Second Harvest food bank.

## College of Coastal Georgia Service-Learning Project



Ryan Ryerson, DJ Williams, DeShore Vickers and Cody Cocchi

The College of Coastal Georgia Introductory Chemistry summer class, comprised of a cohort of culinary arts students, hosted the Second Annual Cook-Off Contest as their Service-Learning Project in July. Each student was charged with creating a recipe that utilized items that were available at America's Second Harvest food bank warehouse.

A one dollar donation (which provides five meals for those that are food insecure) allowed the campus community and general public to taste the dishes and place a vote for their favorites. Recipes were made available at the event and also for clients of the food bank. All event proceeds were donated to Second Harvest.

### 1st Place

Santoria Axson - Braised Kale, Sofrito, and White Rice

### 2nd Place

Rebecca Hayslip - Taco Soup

### 3rd Place (3-way tie)

Chris Campbell - Bacon and Basil Crostini's

Emily Axelson - Steak, Hollandaise Sauce, Lemon & Garlic Green Beans, and Kale Chips

Amber Brown - Salmon Patties with Scalloped Potatoes

## Pirates of the Spanish Main



Front Row: Sallie Tolleson, Rachel Milkowski, Layne Wainright, Bailey Wiggins, Cekayla King, Sarah Anderson. Back Row: Mackenzie Strickland, Josie Mignogna, Grace Tye, Molly Corrillo, Piper O'Quinn, Ansley Jones. Pirates of the Spanish Main, a community service organization in Glynn County donated their time and talents to pack 192 Brown Bags for the Elderly.

## Empty Bowl Fundraiser

October 20th  
5:30 - 8:00pm, Tickets \$ 25



Tina Daniel and Vivian Edwards creating soup bowls at GVA back in July.

Join us at Glynn Visual Arts for wholesome soups and artisanal breads by Stratton Hall and delicious desserts provided by Serendipity, St Simons Sweets and Boulevard Café.

The unique, handmade soup bowl is yours to take home as we raise funds for those that face food insecurity in the Golden Isles.



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## AGENCY RELATIONS COORDINATOR



Originally from the birthplace of sweet tea: Summerville, SC, Ann Mallari has joined the food bank as the new Agency Relations Coordinator. She is a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina where she majored in Public Health with a focus on community development and health policy. Her recent work experience has been focused on the child population where she has worked for children's ministries, behavioral therapy for children with autism, and served as a special advocate for abused and neglected children.

She is very excited to start this new chapter working to help end hunger for the children, families, and people of Coastal Georgia. In her spare time you can find her exploring downtown Savannah, trying out new restaurants, or walking her dachshund puppy, Beans!

## THE BOYS OF SUMMER



Summer Help: Drew Stafford, Josh Rogers, Aaron Barr and Logan Reynolds

89,405 of the 139,847 children enrolled in school across our 21 county service area are eligible for free/reduced lunch during the school year. During Summer Feeding 2015, Second Harvest provided 130,483 meals at 61 sites in nine counties of Appling, Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wayne.

This is all made possible by our Kids Cafe Manager, Angie Johnson along with her tireless coordinators, Kukua Hinson-Hill and Tania Powell. Seven kitchen staff prepare the children's meals each day and our "Boys of Summer," consisting of five truck drivers and five summer helpers cover thousands of miles making deliveries five days a week.

# HUNGER ACTION MONTH™



September is Hunger Action Month, when we ask everyone in America to take action to fight hunger in their community. Hunger Action Month is your opportunity to join a movement that has a real and lasting impact on our effort to feed more Americans than ever before. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering, individuals can find a way that's right for them to make a difference during Hunger Action Month.



Hunger exists in every county in the United States, affecting 49 million Americans including 16 million children. We believe that

hunger is solvable and we're leading the fight to end it. We all have a role to play in getting food to our

neighbors. We, at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia have many neighbors who are food insecure, over 158,000 in our twenty-one county service area.

The Feeding America network of food banks also is participating in the new Spoonتمبر™ online initiative. To get involved, we invite you to share a 'spoon selfie' by balancing a spoon on your nose – **a utensil that is most often used to prepare and provide food for others** – and generate awareness of the 49 million Americans who may not know where they'll find their next meal.



1. Take a Spoon Selfie.
2. Post it with #Spoonتمبر, #HungerActionMonth, and @helpendhungerga on Facebook and Twitter.
3. Tag your friends and challenge them to do the same.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

# Chefs' Table 2015

## Featured Chefs

Kirk Blaine, Castaways  
 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, Pacci Italian Kitchen + Bar  
 Kyle Jacovino, The Florence  
 Kevin Jump, Savannah Yacht Club  
 Roberto Leoci, Leoci's Trattoria  
 Nick & Tracy Mueller, Chef Nick Mueller & Co.  
 Theodore Paskevich, Joe's Homemade Cafe  
 Matthew Roher & Kevin Case, The Landings

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 4,200 children each day during the school year.

There are a variety of opportunities for you 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.

**Purchase a raffle ticket for \$ 20  
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**MONDAY,  
 NOVEMBER 9TH**

**8:30AM SHOTGUN  
 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 26. 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 3,270 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.

## We Need Volunteers for our BRUNSWICK WAREHOUSE

Opportunities include food sorting, stocking shelves, packing Brown Bags for the Elderly and helping at special events. Together with your support and volunteerism, we can end hunger in Southeast Coastal Georgia. Individuals, churches, civic groups and business are encouraged to volunteer at the warehouse or host a food drive. Call 912.261.7979 to schedule a visit and make a difference in our community.

## Two Fall Culinary Events to Support the Southeast Branch of Second Harvest

**September 20th - Island Tasting Tour**  
**October 20th - Empty Bowl Fundraiser**

Contact Kalista Morton at 912.816.8689 or  
 kmorton@helpendhunger.org for event  
 information and to purchase your tickets.