

food *for* thought

FALL 2016



Summer Feeding Pilot Program at Fort Stewart



Chefs' Table

Tuesday, October 11

Golf for Birdies

Monday, November 14

2017

Tour D'Epicure

Sunday, February 26

As we wrap up our eighth season of Summer Feeding, it is with mixed emotions that we can say it was another successful summer. We were able to provide 154,926 meals to feed 6,024 children, with the help of 70 non-profit partner locations. It is disturbing that the number of food insecure children is still increasing in our nation but rewarding to know that America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia can help relieve some of our children's hunger.

Each year we focus on expanding our geographic reach and broadening our partnerships with existing non profits. This summer we embarked on a pilot program with United Military Care (UMC) at Fort Stewart, Hinesville. UMC is a military charity that solves problems, strengthens military and veteran families and shares hope with them for the future. Second Harvest provided over 830 free hot meals to local military children on post through our Kids Cafe program. The "Kids Serve Too" Summer 2016 Program was sponsored by the local UMC and was graciously hosted by the SFAC (Soldier and Family Assistance Center) facility of Fort Stewart. This was a joint effort by three organizations focused on serving hot meals to kids on the Fort Stewart installation during the summer months.

UMC organized weekly craft sessions and Second Harvest delivered the delicious lunches for the military kids. Children received a nutritious lunch and were able to enjoy their meals among newly made friends and fun volunteer staff before moving on to outside play time. They also enjoyed time creating patriotic themed crafts ranging from outdoor wind spinners and rain sticks to painted ceramic plates.

Having been able to provide the abundance of meals and creative time to the children, the summer ended on a superior note for all of the families and volunteers involved in the UMC "Kids Serve Too" Summer Feeding program. UMC looks forward to continuing the new partnerships made with SFAC of Fort Stewart as well as Second Harvest Food Bank.

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

It is difficult to believe that summer is almost over, and we are rapidly nearing the holiday season. It was a busy summer at the food bank with our Summer Feeding program and our Fresh Produce initiatives. As you will see throughout our newsletter, our goal is to provide healthy, nutritious food to those in our community that often struggle with food insecurity. Farmers and grocery stores have helped our efforts procuring food along with your support to provide transportation to rescue the food. It is estimated that more than 40% of the food that our country produces is wasted. If food banks, pantries and faith-based organizations can retrieve this food and redistribute it to those in need, we can make a difference in our community.

We are excited about the recent launch of our new website with the help of Coastal Bank of Georgia, Sea Island Bank and Synovus. We hope you will check it out at www.helpendhunger.org. You will be

able to get information about our organization, sign up to volunteer, attend events and even shop our virtual food drive that allows you to purchase grocery items you would like to provide the food bank. I encourage you to logon and let us know what you think.

Most importantly, we want to thank each of you for helping make our mission possible. There are a number of organizations that seek your time, talents and treasures; thank you for choosing to share with Second Harvest. We would not be able to do the work we do without your support. From coordinating a food drive, stocking shelves, attending an event, or donating funds – thank you and we hope to see you at the food bank!

With my sincere appreciation,



Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director



SUPERIOR RATING

Feeding America's Visionary Partner Cargill generously funded food safety member grant audits with AIB International for FY14 through FY16. We are thrilled to announce we passed our audits **with superior ratings!** Cargill's investment in food safety strengthens our network and ensures we can source and distribute food with the highest standards.



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Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against **Hunger**



A SUMMER FULL OF FRESH PRODUCE - 200,666 POUNDS

As part of our strategic plan we are striving to provide healthier alternatives to those struggling with hunger and those forced into unhealthy food choices that are often more affordable. Our Food Donation Coordinator, Larry Newsome, along with a GA Food Bank Association representative have been visiting farms and growers of local Georgia and South Carolina produce and has procured over 200,666 pounds of fruits and vegetables this Spring and Summer alone. During these months there was an abundance of Vidalia onions, watermelons, cauliflower, squash, and peaches to name just a few.

By visiting the farms directly we have been able to educate the farmers on the importance of donating their crop overages and the significance of their donations to help families in need. Working directly with the farmers builds a strong relationship that will hopefully ensure that next season they will have the opportunity to donate again.



Coosaw Farms – Fairfax, SC

Watermelons – 42,000 lbs.

Dickey Farms – Musella, GA

Peaches – 18,000 lbs.

Hillside Gardens USA – Reidsville, GA

Cauliflower – 15,300 lbs.

J&S Produce – Mount Vernon, GA

Green Cabbage – 7,800 lbs.

Zucchini Squash – 11,836 lbs.

Yellow Squash – 14,370 lbs.

Morgan Farms – Uvalda, GA

Vidalia Onions – 27,000 lbs.

Plantation Sweets – Cobbtown, GA

Sweet Potatoes – 4,860 lbs.

Sandifer Farms - Blackville, SC

Watermelons – 29,600 lbs.

Sikes Farms – Collins, GA

Vidalia Onions – 8,500 lbs.

Smith Farms – Cobbtown, GA

Carrots – 12,000 lbs.

Stanley Farms – Lyons, GA

Cucumbers – 9,400 lbs.

JUST THE FACTS

10 Juicy Tidbits about summer's favorite fruit: Watermelon

WORDS BY DANA MOODY

Nothing quite says summer like watermelon. Whether you pucker your lips on a flavored Popsicle, mix it up in a margarita, or bite into a refreshingly chilled wedge, we invite you to kick back, relax, and start the season off right with some fun facts about summer's favorite fruit.

6 In 2014, the U.S. produced 3.2 billion pounds of watermelon.

7 Georgia ships 90 percent of its watermelon production in June and July.

8 The average American consumes approximately 17 pounds of watermelon per year.

9 Watermelons typically contain 200 to 800 seeds. Talk about a lot of spit takes!

10 More than 120,000 acres of watermelons were grown in the U.S. in 2014.

1 The top markets for Georgia's melons are Atlanta, Chicago, Baltimore-Washington D.C., Detroit, and Cincinnati.

2 Georgia accounts for 17 percent of the United States watermelon production.

3 40 percent of watermelon is consumed during the summer picnic season of June and July.

4 Seeded watermelons are consistently cheaper than seedless. National seasonal average for seeded ranges from \$0.31 to \$0.38 per pound, while seedless ranges from \$0.46 to \$0.55 per pound.

5 Watermelons are composed of approximately 92 percent water.

Southeast Branch Close-Up

Empty Bowl Project

Sponsored by:



Glynn Visual Arts (GVA) will once again host the Empty Bowl Project fundraiser to benefit America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. GVA offered six summer pottery classes, "Hand Made for the Hungry" where participants, as well as local potters, created and donated their unique ceramic handmade soup bowls for the upcoming event.

Please join us on October 18th for a wholesome bowl of soup with all the fixin's catered by Straton Hall Events. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes an opportunity to choose a soup bowl as a thank you for your support and a reminder that we continue to raise awareness and funds for those that face food insecurity in the Golden Isles.

College of Coastal Georgia CHEM 1100 Gets Cooking



1st Place - Mike Mercado, 2nd Place - Kelsey Kolon, 3rd Place - Crystal Hardaway

The College of Coastal Georgia CHEM 1100: Intro. Chemistry summer class, comprised of a cohort of Culinary Arts students, hosted their 3rd Annual Cook-Off contest as their service learning project on June 29. Each student was challenged with creating a recipe that utilized items commonly available at America's Second Harvest Food Bank warehouse. By visiting the food bank and donating their time there as well, the students were able to truly understand the struggles that the organization and those they serve face each day.

For every dollar donated, attendees got to taste the dishes and cast a vote for their favorite culinary offering. Once again, the food was absolutely incredible and all proceeds from the event were donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. Check out our website, www.helpendhunger.org for the three winning recipes.

Backpack Buddies & McDonald's



Tim Buchanan, McDonald's Area Supervisor, Carol Davis, Katie Booth, McDonald's, Owner, Nancy Hamilton, Peg McBride, Vicki Ream, Cole Morrison, McDonald's, Owner, Joe Wolf and Christa Merix, Dalton Agency, Susan Shipman, and Kalista Morton

McDonald's owner/operators and employees assisted Christ Church Frederica to pack 400 weekend food bags for the Backpack Buddies program. Included was a McDonald's coupon for a free Happy Meal as a result of their Buy One Give One Program. Christ Church packs 400 Backpack Buddies bags each month for the children in Glynn County.

College of Coastal Georgia SERVES



Andrew Smith, Matt Giovengo, Eric Seals and Cody Cocchi

College of Coastal Georgia SERVES program participants came to Second Harvest Food Bank to help stock the shelves. Many thanks for all your hard work. The food bank is in constant need of volunteers to sort food drive donations and help keep the Partner Market shelves stocked for the agencies that utilize our programs. Please contact Kalista Morton at 912-261-7979 or kmorton@helpendhunger.org to schedule volunteer hours.

St. Simons Presbyterian Mission Support



Stacy Wills, Leigh Truett, Anne Stembler and Rev. Alan Dyer
Not pictured: Richard Hathaway, Greer Ward, Riddick Ackerman

The Community Mission Ministry Team at St. Simons Presbyterian Church not only volunteers at the food bank but also blessed us with a gracious donation of \$5,904 in support of our mission and the work we do in Glynn County.



2016 GEORGIA LEGAL FOOD FRENZY

The Attorney General, Young Lawyers Division of the Georgia State Bar, and Georgia Food Bank Association collaborated to create a food and fund drive competition between law firms, schools, and legal organizations to support Feeding America Food Banks in Georgia. Since 2012, the Legal Food Frenzy has raised the equivalent of 3.7 million pounds

of food. This year, the state goal was to reach 5 million total pounds for its 5th year. The state goal was met. Locally, Second Harvest had 19 firms compete that contributed 54,924 pounds of food.

Participating Firms: Adam Ferrell, P.C.; Chatham County District Attorney's Office; Chatham County Public Defender's Office; City of Pooler Attorney's Office; Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Classens, P.C.; The Eichholz Law Firm; Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP; Georgia Legal Services Savannah; Georgia Southern University Office of Legal Affairs; Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin; Gray, Pannell & Woodward LLP; Hall, Booth, Smith, P.C.; HunterMaclean; Manly Jones LLP; Moore, Clark, DuVall & Rodgers; Oliver Maner LLP; R. Kenny Stone, P.C.; Taulbee, Rushing, Snipes, Marsh & Hodgins LLC; U.S. Bankruptcy Court



Meg Heap, Savannah District Attorney, Sam Olen, Georgia Attorney General, and Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director Second Harvest

We truly appreciate everyone's efforts and apologize if we missed anyone!

SPRING/SUMMER FOOD DRIVE COLLECTIONS - 12,813 LBS

Bank of America, Brighter Day, Calvary Day School, Coastal Moving & Storage, Diamond Crystal, Dish Network, First Choice Marine Supply, Five Guys, Georgia Furniture, GA Power Ambassadors, Group Missions Trip, Hyatt, Isle of Hope UMC, The Landings Women's Golf Association, May Howard Elementary, McDonald's, Memorial Hospital, Messiah Lutheran Church, Paula Deen Enterprises, Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah Primitive Baptist Church, St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, Schooner Family, Title Buck, Tony Transport, Urgent Care and YMCA Southside.

SPRING/SUMMER VOLUNTEER HOURS COMPLETED - 3,386 HRS

2nd Brigade Combat Team, Ft. Stewart, 2W Logistics, 385th Military Police Battalion, Alcoa, Armstrong State University, Asbury Memorial Church, Auburn University, Bank of America, BB&T, Black Men of Distinction, Burton 4-H Center, Calvary Day School, Center for the Blind and Low Vision, Coastal Atheists and Secular Humanists (CASH), Coastal Center for Developmental Services, Coastal Middle School, Comcast, Cub Scouts Pack 26, Delta Company 4-3, Diamond Crystal, Elanco, Exchange Club, Express Employment, First Presbyterian Church, Frank Callan Boys and Girls Club, Georgia Southern, Gulfstream, Hancock Day School, Hydrate Church, International Academic Group, Intervent, Jewish Educational Alliance summer camp, Junior League of Savannah, Juvenile Justice, Kids on Mission, Kingdom Life Church, Kohl's Associates in Action, Landings New Neighbors, Lululemon Athletica, Messiah Lutheran Church, Metro Rotary, Middle Georgia University, Mission Serve, Morgan Stanley, Morningstar Lutheran Church, Moultrie Mission, Mountain Alliance, New Creation Youth Choir, Norfolk Southern, Pooler Red Hat Society, Prevailing True Love Ministry, Rotary Savannah West, Saint Leo University, Savannah Arts Academy, Savannah Christian Church, Savannah Gator Club, Savannah Presbytery, Savannah Shamrocks Women's Rugby, Savannah State, SCAD Serve, SCMPD summer camp, Skidaway Rotary, South Effingham JROTC, South University, Southside Baptist Church, Springleaf Financial, St. Mary's United Methodist Church, Summer Bonanza, Target, Temple of Glory, The Landings, The Landings Club Employees, Tijuana Flats, United Way, University of Georgia, US Coast Guard Air Station, Voyager Academy, Wells Fargo, Wheaton College, White Bluff Methodist Church, Wilmington Island Publix Employees, Youth Build, Youth Works, Zeta Phi Beta

HUNGER ACTION MONTH™



The feeling of running on empty is a reality for 155,610 people in Coastal Georgia.

September is Hunger Action Month™ and September 8th is Hunger Action Day®. America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, will observe Hunger Action Month™—a nationwide initiative designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger and join the movement to help end hunger. Together we can help everyone reach their full potential. There are 48 million Americans who don't always get enough to eat,



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which means they sometimes don't have the fuel they need to tackle their day at work or concentrate during their day at school. It's tough to do basic activities on empty, it's easy to make a difference.


Advocate. Educate. Volunteer. Donate. Everyone has a role to play in ending hunger and you can help. Visit our new, user friendly website to see the ways we help and the opportunities for you to help also.

www.helpendhunger.org

Save the Dates!

Join Us at these Great Events that support America's Second Harvest

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH



Featured Chefs

- Ryan Bock & Neil Youngblood, Gaslight Group
- Sam Boyd & Joe Truex, The Landings
- Vincent Burns, The Olde Pink House
- Simone Concas, Wilmington Island Club
- Paul Ganem, Johnnie Ganem's Package Shop
- Gerald Green, Garibaldi's Cafe
- Dusty Grove, Pacci
- Drue Longo, 39 Rue de Jean
- Nick & Tracy Mueller, Chef Nick Mueller & Co.
- Theodore Paskevich, Joe's Homemade Cafe
- Lauren Teague, Atlantic
- Zach Shultz & Brandon Whitehouse, Cotton & Rye

Chefs' Table is our annual black tie fundraiser presented by Dr. & Mrs. James W. Andrews, Jr. to benefit America's Second Harvest Kids Cafe program, our nationally recognized initiative to relieve childhood hunger. Kids Cafe provides a hot evening meal as well as tutoring and mentoring daily for more than 3,200 children who are at-risk for hunger.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH



**8:30AM SHOTGUN
AT
THE SAVANNAH GOLF CLUB**

Teams of four can sign up and play for \$600 and individuals for \$150 each. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, prizes, goody bags, and a delicious lunch. Proceeds from this tournament provide holiday turkeys for needy families in our community.

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 register your foursome to play or to become a sponsor in this worthwhile tournament, please call Happy McCullough at 912.721.1798 or send an email to hmccullough@helpendhunger.org.



SHARE THE LOVE
AND YOU COULD WIN A BRAND NEW CAR!

CAR RAFFLE AT THE RSM CLASSIC

HOSTED BY DAVIS LOVE III AT SEA ISLAND GOLF CLUB

Help a participating charity in your local community raise money by purchasing Raffle Tickets or making an In-Kind Donation.

100% of money collected will be given to participating charities. Tickets are \$20 each. Purchase tickets by calling Kalista Morton at our Brunswick branch, 912.816.8689 or kmorton@helpendhunger.org

The drawing will be held during the RSM Classic, November 14-20, 2016, where one (1) lucky winner will receive a brand new 2016 Buick Verano courtesy of Nalley Automotive of Brunswick.



2016 Buick Verano
Actual trim level may vary. See other side for details and entry.

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