

food thought

FALL 2017



Summer Feeding 2017



SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS



5 Food Groups



8 Counties



10 Weeks



12 Routes



55 Sites



6,500 Meals A Day

19,369 Miles Pounding the Pavement of Coastal Georgia
Countless Staff & Volunteers Making it Happen

What do these numbers mean to you? For America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia they mean we had a very busy summer feeding children. Grace's Kitchen, under the direction of Chef Sarah Maier, the Kids Cafe program office led by Angie Johnson, and Trucking & Logistics directed by Tommy Roberts put in thousands of hours coordinating a major feat of planning, inspecting, cooking, packing, and delivering meals to children who would otherwise have growling bellies.

It is hard to imagine that of the 144,636 children enrolled in public schools in our 21 county service area, 92,492 are food insecure and don't always know if there will be a next meal. That's 64% of our children that suffer from hunger. Summer Feeding steps in to feed these children who, during the school year, would be eligible for the free/reduced price breakfast and lunch in their school.



Chefs' Table
Tuesday, October 10

Golf for Birdies
Monday, November 13

**2018
Tour D'Epicure**
Sunday, February 25

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

As we wrap up our 2017 Summer Feeding program and start back up with our Kids Cafe program, we are reminded of the many people in our community that make it all possible. Thank you!

During June and July, we provided more than 124,000 meals to children on summer break. Many of these same partnerships will continue as the school year begins. Our children are our future, and it all begins with breaking the cycle of poverty. The only hope for the next generation is through education, family and community support and ensuring our children have the basics to not only survive but to grow and reach their full potential. In Coastal Georgia, more than 147,000 people struggle with hunger and may not know where they will find their next meal. That number includes one in four children who may not have enough to eat.

This September Second Harvest, together with the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks, will mobilize

across all 50 states in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 42 million Americans, including 13 million children, are food insecure.

Join us in our effort – volunteer, coordinate a food drive, come by the food bank for a tour so you can become a hunger hero and make a difference in a child's life.

Be part of National Hunger Action Day on Thursday, September 14. As you will see in this newsletter, we are planning to have a pack-a-thon to help provide 36,000 meals to Coastal Georgia in recognition of our 36 years in the community. It will be a fun day with a great outcome. Hope to see you there!

With my sincere appreciation,

Mary Jane

Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director

Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against Hunger



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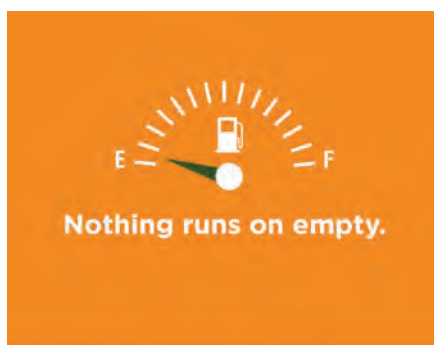


HUNGER ACTION MONTH™



The feeling of running on empty is a reality for 147,330 people in Coastal Georgia.

September is Hunger Action Month™ and September 14th is Hunger Action Day®. This year the Hunger Action campaign will focus on the strong connections between hunger and health. During Hunger Action Month, we ask people to consider how it must feel to live with an empty stomach, which puts a healthy life and a promising future at risk.



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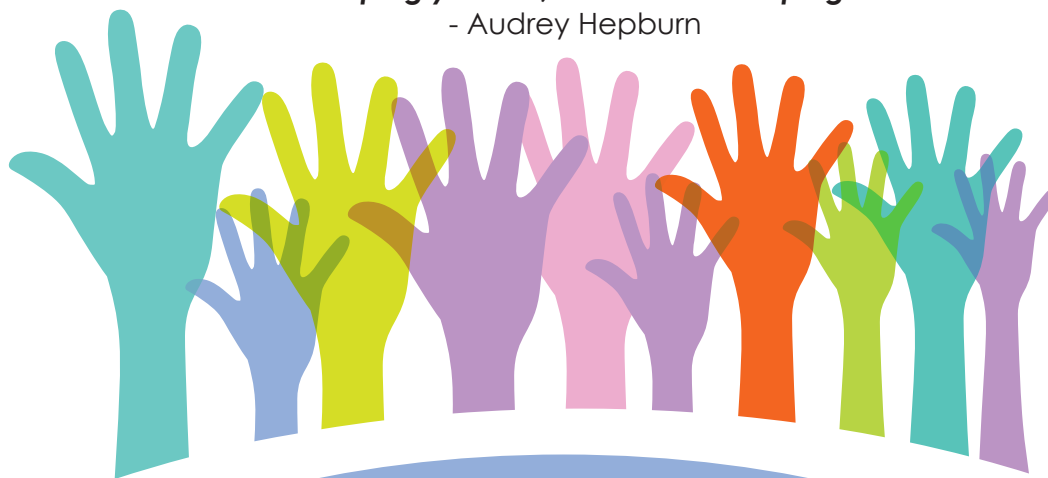
**Together we can be a
part of the solution**

This year, on September 14th, America's Second Harvest invites our friends and supporters to come lend a helping hand at our new Volunteer Center sponsored by Colonial Group, Inc.

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

www.helpendhunger.org

***"As you grow older,
you will discover that you have two hands
- one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."***
- Audrey Hepburn



Hands of Hope Pack-A-Thon
September 14, 2017, 8am - 8pm

360 Helping Hands Needed 🖐️ **3,600 Boxes will be Packed** 🖐️ **36,000 Meals Provided**

Celebrating 36 Years of Feeding Coastal Georgia

2017 marks our 36th year of helping to feed the people of Coastal Georgia. To celebrate Hunger Action Day America's Second Harvest in Savannah will host Hands of Hope Pack-A-Thon. Please join us anytime on Thursday, September 14th between 8am and 8pm. We need your helping hands to pack 3,600 boxes of food which will provide 36,000 meals to our neighbors in need. **Help us meet this one day goal on Hunger Action Day!**

Check out our Website and Sign Up now
www.helpendhunger.volunteermatrix.com

Lend a Hand...



Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who lent a hand this summer! With the help of over 900 volunteers we were able to pack more than 120,000 meals for our neighbors in Coastal Georgia who are food insecure.

We are so honored to have hosted several youth groups from all across the country and to educate them on the importance of volunteering. We hope the willingness and generosity of these youths will encourage others to take a stand to Help End Hunger in their own community.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER HOURS COMPLETED 2,940

Actelion Pharmaceuticals, Boggs Chung, Christian Youth Fellowship Youth Group, Delta Sigma Theta, Department of Juvenile Justice, First Presbyterian Youth Group, Gulfstream, Gulfstream's Crosstown Help out Youth, Haven Helping Hands, International Paper, Jewish Educational Alliance, Kessler Cares, Ladies of Elegance, Lynda's Legacy, Moultrie Mission, New Creation Choir, New Ebenezer, Publix Cares, Savannah Clubhouse, Savannah Gator Club, Savannah Presbyterian, Savannah Youth Ambassadors, Serve Boldly Youth, Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Youth Group, Target, Tijuana Flats "Just in Queso Foundation", Vivant, Youth Works, and Youth With A Mission.

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

Students Spend Summer at Second Harvest

For eight weeks this summer, Second Harvest was fortunate to have two 16 year old rising high-school juniors join our warehouse workforce. Tyshaun Sanders, from Windsor Forest HS and Robert Evans, from Bethesda were matched up with the food bank through the Summer 500 program, the brainchild of Savannah Mayor Eddie DeLoach and Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell.

The Internship program "helps students gain both practical workplace and soft skills necessary to successfully join today's workforce and secure their career path of choice," according to the City.

This is the second year of the program but the first year that Second Harvest has participated. Prior to the students reporting for work, they were required to do a week of classroom "Success Sessions" at Savannah State University. Topics taught included Discipline and Character, Personal Finance and Banking, Productivity and Performance, Attitude and Respect, Team Work, Professional Image and Oral and Written Communication Skills.

Our staff thoroughly enjoyed mentoring and working with the students to teach them new skills. In their last week of service, Tyshaun and Robert both expressed their interest in participating in Summer 500 again if given the opportunity. They valued their time getting to know the food bank staff, becoming more comfortable around adults, gaining a better work ethic and getting paid. They saved their well deserved paychecks to purchase school uniforms, basketball sneakers, and a car sometime in the future.

Both boys were excited to return to high school and plan to continue on to college. When asked what they wanted to do after college, Tyshaun wants to go into Aeronautical Engineering and Robert wants to be a Mechanical Engineer. Way to go boys, thank you for spending your summer break lending a hand at Second Harvest.



Front L to R: John Harden, Inventory Control; Tyshaun Sanders, Robert Evans
Back L to R: Terrance Mackey, Warehouse; Gary Lawrence, Warehouse;
Tommy Roberts, Logistics; and George Smith, Warehouse (not pictured)

Southeast Branch Empty Bowl Project



Alana Daniels, Tina Daniels, Lorena Harris and Leslie Entwistle

Glynn Visual Arts (GVA) will host the Third Annual Empty Bowl Project fundraiser to benefit America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. GVA offered summer pottery classes, "Hand Made for the Hungry" where participants had the opportunity to create beautiful one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls.

Join us on October 17th, 5:30 - 7:30pm for a wholesome bowl of soup with all the fixin's catered by Straton Hall Events. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes your pick of one of 300 soup bowls as a thank you for your support and a reminder that there are still neighbors suffering with food insecurity in the Golden Isles. Purchase your tickets online at www.helpendhunger.org/events/. Sponsored by Boulevard Cafe, Parkers, St. Simons Sweets, Seredipity Bakery, Stratton Hall, Treehouse Macarons and United Community Bank.

Volunteer Spotlight



Kelsey Faulk, Alisa Rouse, Kalista Morton and Ashleigh Purvis

Kelsey Faulk, Alisa Rouse, and Ashleigh Purvis come every Tuesday and help keep the Partner Marketplace shelves stocked and ready for agencies to shop. Thanks for helping others and keep up the good work!

Brown Bagging on United Way Day of Action



Publix employees and the Pirates of the Spanish Main participated in the United Way Day of Action and packed 200 brown bags of food for Glynn and McIntosh Counties. The bags were distributed through partner agencies to help offset senior food insecurity through the end of the month.

Clothes Out Hunger



Margaret Prentice and Kelly Davis of Just Between Us Consignment shops sponsored "Clothes Out Hunger" in June. Patrons donated clothes and all proceeds were donated to Second Harvest to benefit summer feeding.

Glynn Academy Players Acts of Kindness



The Glynn Academy Players, directed by Josh Sinyard (pictured above) performed a variety show compiled from this year's performances and donated \$1,000.

Save the Dates!

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

Tuesday, October 10th



Our 25th Annual Chefs' Table fundraiser will once again be 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 is now in its twenty-eighth year and provides a hot evening meal with tutoring and mentoring for more than 3,200 children who are at-risk for hunger.

Save the Date and watch for your Invitation as we celebrate 25 years of great chefs coming together in support of a great cause.

Monday, November 13th



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

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 Liz Lubrani at 912.721.1798 or send an email to llubrani@helpendhunger.org.

Fresh Produce from the Georgia Fields

Georgia Farm Partners donated 110,713 lbs of fresh fruit and vegetables as part of our Fresh Produce Initiative.

Sikes Farm - Collins

Vidalia Onions - 14,200 lbs

J & S Produce - Mount Vernon

Corn - 17,760 lbs and Zucchini - 6,825 lbs

B & W Burch Farms - Screvin

Potatoes - 21,292 lbs

Society of St. Andrews

Watermelons - 37,028

Hillside Gardens - Reidsville

Turnips - 7,832 lbs and Cauliflower - 2,525 lbs

Michigan Blueberry Growers - Alma

Blueberries - 3,251 lbs



Consider a donation to America's Second Harvest Food Bank. Support our Childhood Hunger Initiatives that fill the tummies of our children. Young minds and bodies need the proper nourishment in order to succeed.

You can make it happen!

For every \$1 donated, we can provide 5 meals to relieve childhood hunger!

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