

# food thought

WINTER 2013

One in four children  
in our area is at-risk for hunger.  
Partnership means  
full tables, full plates,  
full meals.



Save  
the  
Date

## Partnership Makes it Possible!

Last year, partners helped us provide more than **10 million pounds of food**, or more than **8.4 million meals** to relieve hunger for more than **147,000 people in need** in Coastal Georgia!

We prepared and delivered more than **503,000 hot, balanced meals** to children at our **50 Kids Cafes**, keeping local children from going to bed hungry. **Culinary Arts** students at **Grace's Kitchen** prepared **4,000 meals** daily and graduated from our program with both life skills and job skills to make them self-sufficient.

We distributed more than **17,600 bags of essential groceries** through our **Brown Bag for the Elderly** program to local senior citizens who are at-risk for hunger, and our **Mobile Food Pantry** provided **1.3 million pounds of food** to more than **62,000 people in rural communities**.

Thank you food bank supporters and partners for making it possible for us to place hot meals on our neighbors' tables, strengthening bodies and nourishing hope!

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 3

### Tour d'Epicure

Sunday, February 24

### Jewels & Jeans

Thursday, April 18

### Stamp Out Hunger

Saturday, May 11

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## From the Executive Director's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Heroes are everyday people who take extraordinary measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others. In the fight against hunger, we have the privilege to encounter local heroes willing to make a sacrifice to feed someone they have never met.

While we refer to people at-risk for hunger as our "neighbors" in need, the fact is the struggling parent is too humble to ask for your help to feed her children and the senior citizen is too proud to admit that he skips meals in order to pay for utilities. You encounter the hungry in our community; however, you may not know their identity.

Our community's compassion inspires and encourages us. We are fortunate to meet the elementary student who forgoes birthday gifts to collect food for the needy. We learn about the woman who skipped lunch to volunteer at our distribution center. We stock our shelves

with food from food drives, open houses, and special events. We see evidence that heroes are among us, fighting with us to fill empty tummies.

**Please join us in recognizing all of those who made our holiday wishes come true by hosting a food drive or making a donation!** Your generosity restores hope to the hungry and makes it possible for us to stretch each dollar into 5 nutritious meals.

We invite you to tour the food bank to see how your partnership provides more than 8.4 million meals each year. You will be impressed with what your support accomplishes and then you'll know why **YOU** are our hero!

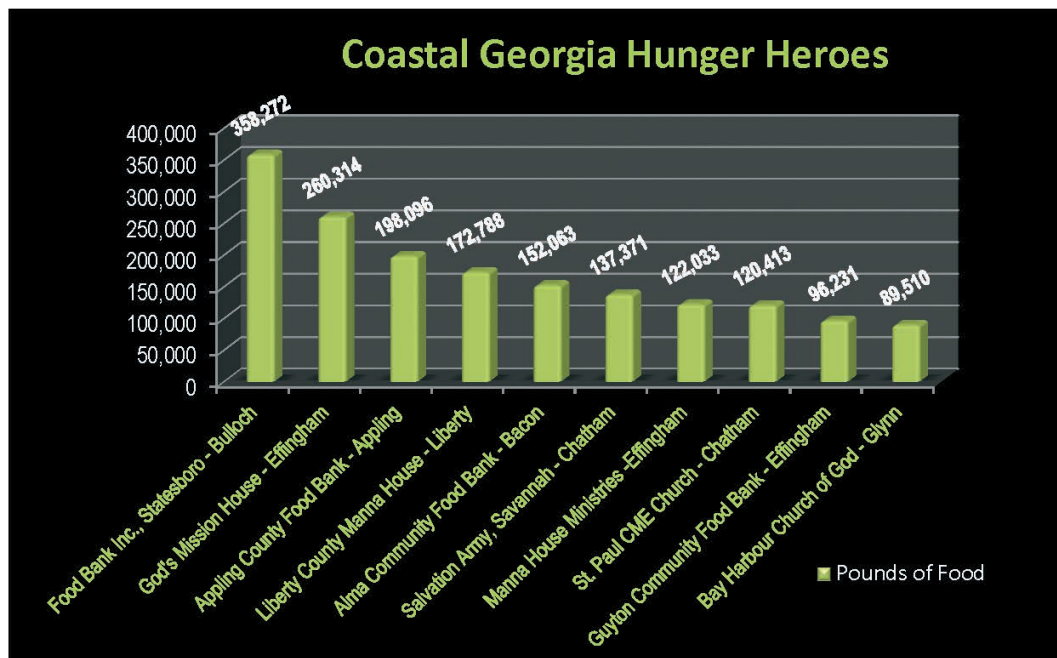
With sincere appreciation,

Mary Jane Crouch,  
Executive Director

## Food Bank Partners Give Our Mission Wings

The food bank is proud of each one of our non-profit and faith-based partners who have joined our ranks in the fight against hunger. Collaboration with more than 300 partners allows us to provide hot meals

and groceries to people in 21 counties throughout the region. **Please join us in recognizing just a few of the heroes in the fight against hunger in Coastal Georgia:**





## Golf for Birdies is a Winner



Gastroenterology Consultants of Savannah, above, took 1st place, Flamingo Juices sponsored a team of veterans who placed 2nd, & Hutson Plumbing took 3rd

Our 6th annual Golf for Birdies raised more than **\$39,500** this year! Funds from this event helped the food bank provide **5,500 holiday turkeys**. Our thanks to presenting sponsor, **Release Marine**; event sponsor, **J. T. Turner Construction**; driving range sponsor, **Flamingo Juices**, putting green sponsor, **Infinity**; event chair, **Tripp Turner**; hole-in-one sponsor, **Roberts Truck Center**; the following hole sponsors: Alpha Dog Marketing, Aramark Uniform Services, Gary & Sandy Bocard, Brown & Brown of Florida, Coca Cola Bottling Company of Savannah, Comcast/Xfinity, Michael Curran, Brian Harlander, Howard Family Dental, The Kroger Company, North Oakland Commodities, James L. Oates, III Enterprises, Inc., The Olde Pink House, Roberts Truck Center, Rotary Club of Skidaway Island, SunTrust Bank, Tripp & Dianne Early Morning Show, and Vital Healthcare; teams; donors of prizes and goodies; and all who participated to make this Golf for Birdies a fun way to place hot, nutritious food on the tables of local families struggling with low incomes.

## SunTrust Foundation

SunTrust Bank staff are proud to take part in the fight against hunger. They are frequent volunteers in packing **Brown Bags for the Elderly**, a program that supplies **1,700 bags of groceries** each month to ensure that low-income seniors will be able to eat and still afford shelter, utilities, health care, and prescription medications. They can also be counted on to conduct **food drives** to help keep our shelves stocked with a healthy supply of food to support our hunger-relief programs as well as those of our partners.

We greatly appreciate the recent award from the SunTrust Foundation to help provide a walk-in cooler for Grace's Kitchen where nearly 4,000 diners are prepared each day for children who are at-risk for hunger.

## Partner Spotlight:

### J. T. Turner Construction

Our friends at **J. T. Turner Construction** have been supporting the mission of the food bank for years. Eager to help in any way, this group of talented individuals has been creative in local hunger relief.

The staff of Turner Construction frequently rolls up their sleeves to volunteer to help the food bank. As a company, they have done everything from hosting a Christmas party at a Kids Cafe site, leading the food drive during the Savannah filming of *Extreme Makeover Home Edition*, to sponsoring our fund raising events like *Tour d'Epicure*, *Tour de Tybee*, *Golf for Birdies*, and *Chefs' Table*. They have been instrumental in the annual Yuletide Jam concert that benefits local hunger relief.

J. T. Turner, III, better known as Tripp, has served on the food bank's board of directors since 2008. Tripp states, "I am honored to serve as a board member and supporter of the Second Harvest Food Bank. I have seen firsthand what a tremendous impact this organization makes on the lives of Savannah's citizens, specifically the children and elderly. I am constantly amazed at the dedication and commitment of food bank employees and volunteers who give back countless hours of their time and talents to ensure that our community does not go hungry. Their compassion and kindness is a testament to this wonderful organization."

**Please join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Tripp Turner and all of the staff at J. T. Turner Construction for being Hunger Heroes!**



Tripp Turner, COO, J. T. Construction, chairs our annual Golf for Birdies tournament. Above, Tripp thanks the golfers and gets them ready to tee up for turkeys!



# Southeast Branch Close-Up

## St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation Augments Service in Southeast

The St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation granted the food bank an award of \$50,000. The grant will be divided into two segments: **\$25,000 to provide operational support for the Brunswick Branch warehouse and \$25,000 to support Mobile Food Pantries in Camden, Glynn, Charlton and Brantley counties.** This grant will help us reach more individuals and families and serve those at risk of being food insecure.

The St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation was organized in January 2001 to support the charitable activities of the St. Marys United Methodist Church. The foundation has been very supportive of Second Harvest and the Brunswick Branch warehouse and we are proud to consider them our partners!



## Relieving Hunger in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, McIntosh & Wayne Counties



## Special Thanks to Supporters of our Brunswick Branch

*Tim and Annie Akins*  
*Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation*

*Darden Restaurant Foundation*

*Harris Teeter*

*Rotary Club of Brunswick*

*St. Marys United Methodist Church Foundation*

*United Way of Coastal Georgia*

*Winn Dixie*

## 12/12/12 Open House was a Sweet Success

Friends of the food bank in the St. Simons Island area hosted a holiday open house to support our outreach in Coastal Georgia. A dozen hostesses each baked 12 dozen of their favorite cookies. That's more than 1,700 cookies! The cookies were wrapped with pretty bows and made available to open house guests for a donation to the food bank in support of the Brunswick Branch. **The event raised more than \$2,000 which will provide 10,500 nourishing meals.** What a great way to put everyone involved in the holiday spirit!

We'd like to thank **Dana Parker** for holding the open house in her home. We also appreciate all of the talented bakers who generously gave of their time and resources to help end hunger in Southeast Georgia:

### Thank You

#### 12/12/12 Hostesses

**Detra Block**  
**Sheila Glaeser**  
**Mary Griffiths**  
**Georgia Kellogg**  
**Luanne Morales**  
**Kalista Morton**  
**Dana Parker**  
**Tamara Perez**  
**Olympia Poulakis**  
**Catherine Squire**  
**Alice Walker**  
**Dana Watkins**  
**Natasha Williams**



The 12/12/12 Holiday Open House was a festive affair!



## Harvest of Knowledge

The food bank hosted Harvest of Knowledge for our partner agencies to share our insight and expertise for building capacity. Jamie Kendall offered tips on applying for grants, reviewed partner agencies' best practices, and provided regional statistics that will assist agencies that are food bank partners. Director of Community Kitchen, Iris Holmes-McCraw, reviewed food sanitation and safety with agency representatives and reviewed proper storage and handling.

Representatives from 80 agencies that work with the food bank in hunger relief took advantage of the opportunity to learn how to be more effective. **Harvest of Knowledge** will be an annual offering for food bank partners, as part of our commitment to ensure their success.



Jamie Kendall, (standing), shares strategies for building capacity with food bank partners during Harvest of Knowledge

## Tour de Tybee

Our annual Tour d'Epicure has become such a popular winter treat that we partnered with **Old Savannah Tours**, Tybee restaurants and local artists to offer **Tour de Tybee**. The summer tour, a **"Food-Fun-Flip Flop"** event was a moveable feast of specialty tastings and signature drinks. Each locale offered original photography or other work by local artist with an affinity for the beach available through silent auction.

Our hats off to event sponsors: **Old Savannah Tours**, **Beachview Bed & Breakfast**, **Marlin Monroe's**, **North Beach Grille**, **Sundae Cafe**, and **Tybee Social Club**. Special thanks to local artists who donated their work: **Debbie Brady Robinson of Atlantic Beacon Gallery & Hall of Frames**, **Ann Jackson**, **Leeann Ritch Photography**, **Kurtis Schumm**, and **Catherine A. Warren Photography**; and to **New Arts Ensembles** for sponsoring the eclectic sounds of **Velvet Caravan** for the tour's wrap party.

**Tour d'Epicure will be held on Sunday, February 24.** For more information, please contact Dianne Franz at 912.721.1789 or [dfranz@helpend-hunger.org](mailto:dfranz@helpend-hunger.org).

## Chefs' Table Feeds Local Children



Patricia Hackney, Jutta Kubler, Tom Philbrick, Kathleen Harlander, & Guy Randolph at Chefs' Table

Now in its 20th year, Chefs' Table continues to be the leading fund raiser for initiatives to relieve childhood hunger in our community. The event supports **Kids Cafe**, our after-school program that serves nearly 4,000 dinners at 50 sites throughout our area each day.

Chefs' Table 2012 raised **\$165,000** for Kids Cafe meals that strengthen the bodies and minds of local children with limited access to balanced nutrition. In partnership with after-school sites that provide homework assistance and activities, our Kids Cafe program increases the number of at-risk children who stay in school, a key factor in ending the cycle of poverty. The combination of a nurturing environment and wholesome meal gives respite to working parents struggling to make ends meet and hope to children in need of a hot supper before bedtime.

**Please join us in recognizing Chefs' Table sponsors: co-chairs, Kathleen Harlander and Gail Toler; the event committee; donors to both silent and live auctions; Chefs Bill Baker, Vincent Burns, Simone Concas, Paul Ganem, David Gordon, Gerald Green, Dusty Grove, Roberto Leoci, Ted Paskevick, Ashlee Perkins, Debbie Reid, and John Roelle.**

## Publix Presents Check



Adrian Bennett, Publix district manager & Dwaine Stevens, Publix relations manager visit the food bank to find out how Publix's support relieving hunger in Coastal Georgia.

## Everybody Eats Fresh Free Fridays

Jonathan Gibson and Ilya Snyder-Shavahbeyn know that eating fresh fruits are particularly good for your health. As part of a school project at Saint Francis Cabrini Catholic School, this duo started "Everybody Eats Fresh Free Fridays" held the last Friday of each month for people at-risk for hunger.

With the help of other students and staff, their concept has become a healthy lifeline for people in need. These boys are a great example of how community partners deliver food from the food bank to those in.

Ilya Snyder-Shavahbeyn and Jonathan Gibson are truly making a difference by distributing fresh produce from the food bank to people in need.



On Sunday **February 3rd**, 2013, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and festivities.

At the same time, there will be people in our community worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a nourishing meal. You can make the Super Bowl a **Super Bowl of Caring**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Establish a food or fund drive at your church or congregation and encourage everyone to donate food or funds as they leave worship on February 3rd for the food bank. Make it personal by hosting a food or fund drive at your own Super Bowl party. **Second Harvest is able to provide 25 meals for local people in need with every \$5 donation or every 30 cans of food. Please support this caring effort!**



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

## Bank of America & Sam's Club present Jewels & Jeans 2013



Chad Barrow, is flanked by Jewels & Jeans event co-chairs Kristin King, (left) & Jan Barrow (right)

Get your jeans, your jewels and your dancing shoes ready for **Jewels & Jeans on Thursday, April 18**. This festive fund-raiser benefits our initiatives to relieve childhood hunger. It features live music by The Train Wrecks, a silent auction, an art auction, the tastiest heavy hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beverages!

This year, Jewels & Jeans is brought to you by **Bank of America and Sam's Club**. Plan to join us for a fun way to feed kids in our community. More information at [www.helpendhunger.org](http://www.helpendhunger.org) or 912.721.1789.

### Our Thanks

to all of those who donated to the silent auction and to  
Jewels & Jeans 2012 event partners

**Rives E. Worrell & Company**  
**AT & T, Sam's Club, Xfinity**

Advanced Audio/Visual Rentals, Basil's Pizza & Deli,  
Blue Water Catering & Events, Buzzy's BBQ, Gigi's Cupcakes, Genina Designs,  
Harvey Designs, Johnny Ganem's Winery, The Lady & Sons,  
Lulu's Chocolate Bar, The Olde Pink House, Rocks on the River, Savannah Magazine,  
Savannah's Candy Kitchen, Savor Savannah, The Train Wrecks,  
Uncle Bubba's Oyster House, Wild Wing Cafe & WJCL/WTGS  
Jan Barrow & Kristin King, co-chairs