

food *for* thought

WINTER 2016



HSC, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Company Commander Nick Craig and Volunteer Beverly Shreve stock the assembly line for packing emergency food boxes



603rd ASB Soldiers 1SC James Finney, 1SC Carlos Loeza, SFC Corey McDowell and CSM Jason Johnson collected 588 lbs of canned goods



HSC, 603rd ASB SPC Ronesia Champion and SPC Damien Snyder packed emergency food boxes

Local Military Volunteer to Help End Hunger



Tour D'Epicure
Sunday, February 28

Jewels & Jeans
Thursday, April 21

**Stamp Out
Hunger Food Drive**
Saturday, May 14

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia has been fortunate to have several groups of military contact us to lend a helping hand this Fall through volunteering and food drives. Soldiers from 603rd ASB, Hunter Army Airfield, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron Ft. Stewart and 366th CBRN Company have generously taken time out of their busy lives to support their community with the kind of energy they demonstrate in their military work. In some cases it has become a family affair with the wives getting involved as well. All the groups that spent time at the food bank were so enthusiastic, upbeat, competitive and most importantly, helpful.

When asked what drew them to Second Harvest, a common theme ran through every response. 603rd ASB Company Commander Nick Craig said, "I picked Second Harvest because it seemed like a great opportunity to help the community! I heard good things about Second Harvest making a positive impact in Savannah before volunteering so it seemed like an easy choice. I want my soldiers to understand the importance of giving back to those less fortunate." CSM Jason Johnson stated "On behalf of the 603rd ASB soldiers and families, giving back to the Savannah community is our way of saying thank you for the support you have shown Hunter Army Airfield. This was a small way the soldiers were able to come together to give back during the holiday. They didn't want anyone to go hungry especially through the holidays."

Second Harvest gives a huge Salute and Shout Out to our military friends at Hunter Army Airfield and Ft. Stewart from the grateful staff, agencies and families that you touched the lives of by volunteering and donating your time and energy.

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

Now that the holiday season is over, we look back on 2015 and see our accomplishments and yet see the work that still needs to be done. First and foremost, we want to thank each of you for helping make our efforts possible. There are a number of organizations that seek your time, talents and treasures; thank you for sharing with Second Harvest.

In this country of magnificent bounty, there are people in our community that live with food insecurity. While many of us deliberate over what we will prepare for dinner, there are numerous others that wonder if they will even be able to have dinner. It is not just the homeless, it is the working parent that must decide between paying the electric bill or buying food; it's the senior citizen that must decide between medicine or food; and it's the child that doesn't have dinner. Hard working people should not be forced to choose between rent, medical

care or buying food. That is why Second Harvest depends on your generosity to meet the needs of those who have trouble feeding their families or themselves.

This year, we are celebrating our thirty-fourth year of service to our community. It all started out of the back of a pickup truck and has grown to be a resource providing more than 12.1 million pounds of food through our programs and other non-profits and faith-based organizations.

Words can't express our sincere gratitude for your support. We could not do the work we do without your support...from coordinating a food drive, stocking shelves, attending an event, or donating funds – thank you and may you have a blessed 2016!

With my sincere appreciation,

Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DRIVE HOSTS

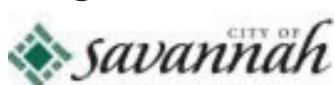
3,386 Volunteer Hours Completed this Fall

Aramark Uniform, Bank of America, Bright Life Chiropractic Cowboy Carnival, Diamond Crystal, FedEx, Gulfstream, Homewood Suites, Ikea, Junior League, Kroger, National Distributing Company, Landings New Neighbors, Sam's, SCAD Serve, Savannah State, Suntrust, Thomas and Hutton, Walgreens, Walmart, Wells Fargo, and UGA

Over 94,000 lbs Collected in Food Drives this Fall

Alcoa-2,500 lbs, Ameris Bank-2,741 lbs, Bright Life Chiropractic-1,983 lbs, Hesse Elementary-1,955 lbs, Hodge Elementary-2,399 lbs, Pulaski Elementary-2,996 lbs, and WTOC-2,706 lbs. Over 1,000 lbs collected by Armstrong Atlantic, Chatham Academy, Coastal Middle School, Effingham County High, Georgia Furniture, Gulfstream, International Paper, Lucas Theatre, Pooler Elementary, Robins & Morton, Savannah Country Day, SCCPSS, and West Chatham Middle School. We apologize if we missed anyone and appreciate everyone's efforts!

Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against Hunger



GET TO KNOW OUR NEW VOLUNTEER, TOM HEBBARD



Tom Hebbard, our newest volunteer, has become like family around America's Second Harvest warehouse. He volunteers with us most every day, just gets right to work and fits in beautifully. He knows the drill for stocking shelves, packing emergency food boxes, recycling cardboard boxes and works very well with all our volunteer groups.

When asked why he chose to "work" with us, Tom replied, "I saw a story on the local news about Second Harvest and the need for volunteers so, I decided to give it a try." We love his attitude about volunteering; it's perfect. "I always try to be M.A.D. (making a difference)." He simply enjoys being around good people, staying busy, helping and thinking more about others, "it keeps you from worrying about the little stresses of life."

Tom hails from Virginia, grew up in a Naval family that moved every three years and has called Savannah home for over 30 years. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering from Trident College, worked for Savannah Electric for 25 years and is also a certified EMT.

Golf for Birdies

The 9th Annual Golf for Birdies Tournament went off without a hitch after a last minute date change. Thank you to the Savannah Golf Club, their staff and especially their golf pros, Toby Browne and Josh Williams. They allowed us to play on a sunny Monday, November 16th rather than the very wet and stormy scheduled date of Monday the 9th. The weather was truly beautiful and most cooperative for our twenty-six teams, consisting of 104 players and 10 volunteers.



Sea Island Bank Foursome

Thank you to Target and Flamingo Juices, our two Title Sponsors. With the generous donations made by our Title Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, and 26

foursomes, we were able to purchase 2,200 turkeys to provide a much happier and more bountiful Thanksgiving to the families served by our 300 partner agencies.

**Mark your calendar for the 10th Annual Golf for Birdies
Monday, November 14, 2016**

Chefs' Table 2015

This year's Chefs' Table celebrated twenty-six years of our Kids Cafe program. This is one of our community's premiere culinary events that supports one of our nation's most successful child feeding programs in coastal Georgia. With our generous Presenting Sponsors, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Andrews, Jr. joining us for the second year, the event was truly spectacular.

Once again we had a sold out evening that included an amazing silent auction and our signature live auction which features our local celebrity chefs, Vincent Burns: The Old Pink House, Simone Concas: The Wilmington Island Club, Paul Ganem: Johnnie Ganem's Wine and Package Shop, Kyle Jacovino: The Florence, Gerald Green: Garibaldi, Dusty Grove: Pacci, Kevin Jump: Savannah Yacht Club, Roberto Leoci, Leoci's Trattoria: Nick and Tracy Mueller: Nick Mueller and Co., Theodore Paskevich: Joe's Homemade and Matthew Roher and Kevin Case from The Landings.

We added a new element to the event that proved to be an outstanding effort to "Fund the Need." We were able to raise an additional \$19,540 with the help of our Event Chair, Lisa Pinyan and our MC for the evening, Mike Cihla from WTOG. The money raised will cover the cost to feed 30 children for the school year. That's just 30 of over 3,800 children that we serve Monday through Friday while the school year is in session.



Gina Berchin & Kyle Jacovino
The Florence



Dusty Grove of Pacci
Italian Kitchen & Bar

Golf for Birdies 2015 Tournament Results

1st Place Team - Bank of America: Mason Bragg, Stephen Downing, Kevin O'Neil and Jeremy Summerill

2nd Place Team - Atlantic Supply, Inc.: Joey Dixon, Ryan Murphy, Raymond Rogers and Dyare Watts

3rd Place Team - Brent Harlander Team: Brent Harlander, Eddie Ambrose, Charlie Mourning and Phil Haug

Southeast Branch Close-Up Empty Bowl Fundraiser

Sponsored by:



Anne Marie Dalis, Event Coordinator and Hannah Roberts, potters who donated bowls



Stacy Bass, Latrielle Williams, and Jay Anderson of Straton Hall Events



Pat Weaver, guest and Debbie Craig, Event Coordinator, Glynn Visual Arts

In October, Glynn Visual Arts hosted four pottery classes and the main event for America's Second Harvest Empty Bowl Fundraiser. The event focused on wholesome soups and artisanal breads by Straton Hall Events and Harris Teeter and delicious desserts by Serendipity, St Simons Sweets and Boulevard Café. Guests were invited to choose their own unique, handmade soup bowl as a thank you and reminder that we continue to raise funds and awareness for those that face food insecurity in the Golden Isles.

Home Grown Citrus for the Holidays



Frank Perry, Bennett Ward, Charlie Morton Nick Noltes, Mary Perry and Coleman White

For the past several years Frank and Mary Perry of St. Simons Island have generously donated hundreds of pounds of grapefruit from the trees in their yard. This year was no exception, to the tune of 271 lbs! With a little help from a few Frederica Academy students the fruit was picked, packed and delivered to the food bank for our non-profit agencies to share with the clients they serve each day. Many thanks to the Perrys for their kindness and generosity over the years.

Thank you to our Volunteers, Food Drive Hosts and Supporters

Antique Car Club, Brunswick Cellulose, Del Sur Artisan Eats, St. Simons First Presbyterian Church, GA Drama Club, Horse Stamp Inn, Newcomers Club, Pirates of the Spanish Main, Plum Creek Timber Co., and Richs.



St. Simons First Presbyterian Church



Antique Car Club



Del Sur Artisan Eats at Horse Stamp Inn

Let's Can Hunger, One Donation, One Food Drive and One Volunteer Effort at a Time

From donations to food drives, all volunteer efforts come together to make the difference. Our dedicated community is so important to the success of the food bank and our mission to help end hunger through advocacy and education. Please join us in the fight to end hunger.

BENEDICTINE MILITARY SCHOOL



Benedictine Military School collected 11,187 lbs of food and \$2,000 during their Fall Food & Fund Drive



CITY OF SAVANNAH

The City of Savannah collected and delivered 51,081 lbs of food during their Great Savannah Canned Food Drive.

SANTA VISITS JULIETTE LOW ELEMENTARY KIDS CAFE

Through a donation of Thrivent Community Impact dollars and other private donations, Mr. Claus (aka Santa) was able to stop by the Juliette Low Elementary School during the Kids Cafe program on December 8th. The generous folks of Messiah Lutheran Church on Skidaway Island arranged the very special visit with Santa and his four legged guest, Santori, an Afghan Hound Service Dog.

Seventy-five children at this

Kids Cafe site were treated to a special pizza dinner, created a glittery, holiday ornament, had a chat with the jolly old fella and spent a little canine quality time with Santori.

The children had a wonderful afternoon celebration with Santa, his helpers from Messiah Lutheran and Santori. Of course, all the children had been good little boys and girls and had an opportunity to let Santa know!



Save the Dates!

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



16th Annual Low Country

Home & Garden Show

January 29-31
Savannah Int'l Trade & Convention Center

The Biggest Home & Garden Event of the Year is Here!

Save time with everything for your home and garden under one roof. Save money with show-only discounts. Have fun with family friendly activities for the kids and so much more!



\$1 Off Adult Admission*
With canned food donation benefitting America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
*Cannot be combined with other offers.

More Info at SavannahHomeAndGardenShow.com

WTTC Live Local Now Savannah Planning Team 630 WBMQ SHOW TECHNOLOGY

Widespread Panic
Winter 2016



Feb. 26 | Savannah Civic Center
Food & Fund Drive
for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
widespreadpanic.com

Jewels & Jeans 2016



A Fashionable Evening
of fabulous food, drink & silent auction items

Thursday, April 21
7-10pm

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
& Full Bar

Live Music by Junkyard Angel

\$85 a ticket

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