

food thought

WINTER 2018

THANK YOU FOR MAKING 2017 A SUCCESS!



Heat or food. Lights or dinner. Rent or a meal. What would you choose? While many of us never have to consider this question, millions of Americans are constantly burdened with these types of difficult decisions.

Through the support of so many caring people in our community, we are able to serve those at risk for hunger and provide relief to those that need it in times of emergency. Because of the support that Second Harvest received in 2017, we were able to:

- Pack and distribute more than 18,000 bags of essential groceries through our Brown Bag for the Elderly program that helps at-risk senior citizens.



- Prepare and deliver 407,449 meals to the 52 Kids Cafe and Summer Feeding locations in our community where an average of 2,900 students each day are served the only evening meal they're likely to eat.



- Distribute 3.3 million pounds of food to rural communities serving more than 62,000 individuals through our Mobile Food Pantry program.



In total, we provided more than 10.6 million meals, the equivalent of 13,648,210 million pounds of food to these programs and to the 285 partner agencies who feed hungry people in our 21-county service area. With your support in 2017, we touched the lives of more than 147,000 people in Coastal Georgia.

You not only helped put a meal on a table, but you also took a hard decision off someone's plate. A few meals for a family in need might be what it takes for them to keep the lights on, or get important medical care. So, let's get food to those in need and eliminate some tough choices.

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Tour D' Epicure
Sunday, February 25

Jewels & Jeans
Thursday, April 19

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Putting Hunger Out of Business

By Mary Jane Crouch

What does hunger in coastal Georgia look like? It's a mother of three, juggling multiple jobs to afford daycare and feed her children; an elderly man living on social security and attempting to pay for the expensive, life-saving medicines he needs to survive; a child struggling to concentrate in class after eating a candy bar for breakfast.

Considered one of the most prosperous nations in the world, the United States has an abundance of food resources. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates that Americans throw away 29 percent of all food that is grown, manufactured and processed in the U.S. This might imply that we have enough to waste, yet according to the Georgia Food Bank Association, 18.7 percent of Georgians are food insecure, which means they aren't guaranteed their next meal.

Over 700,000 children in Georgia live in food insecure households, and consequently, one in four children in Georgia does not have adequate access to food.

Georgians are not ignoring this paradoxical issue, especially here in the greater Savannah area. Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia is initiating creative ways to feed hungry people

while strengthening local communities. Established in 1981 in Savannah and now serving 21 counties, Second Harvest distributes over thirteen million pounds of food to 147,000 people through 275 non-profit partners. By utilizing the food bank to distribute resources, our partners save more than \$9 million annually, which enables them to strengthen their programs and help more people in need.

These initiatives provide support for all ages, from our community's very youngest to some of the area's most seasoned citizens.

The numbers speak for themselves. At a bird's eye view, Second Harvest distributes over 10.6 million meals annually, providing nourishing options through Kids Cafes, brown bags to low-income seniors, a food pantry on wheels, and hundreds of caring partners. However, none of this could be accomplished without support from our sponsors, allies, and volunteers.

Despite our success at feeding more and more families each year, we hope to grow our programs to serve those outside of our reach. Second Harvest will continue to provide that next meal to someone in need. Our goal: putting hunger out of business. Thank you for being part of our mission.

Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against Hunger



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Petsmart® Provides Meals for Pets Coast-To-Coast

In March of 2017, PetSmart launched the *Buy a Bag, Give a Meal* program in celebration of its 30th anniversary. For every bag of dog or cat food purchased (any brand, any size) in stores and online, PetSmart donated a meal to pets in need. The first 92 semi-trucks hit the road from Ogden, Utah, with more than 3.6 million pounds of pet food. Shelters, rescues and food banks across the U.S. and Canada were enlisted to help with the distribution.

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia was pleased to offer assistance for the Coastal Georgia pet charities with a 53 ft. truck load of dog and cat food generated through PetSmart's program. In our region of the PetSmart market that equated to 39,900 pounds of dog and cat food. With four rounds of deliveries, PetSmart expects to donate 60 million meals nationally to pets in need at hundreds of shelters and rescues across North America, as well as human food banks, pantries and meal programs, where pet food is a rare offering.

Second Harvest reached out to local pet charities that are serviced by the PetSmart stores which included the Savannah area, Hinesville and Brunswick to determine their need and divided the food among

8 nonprofit shelters and rescue organizations that included:

- Coastal Pet Rescue
- Georgia Animal Rescue & Defense (GARD)
- HART of McIntosh
- Humane Society of Greater Savannah
- Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia
- One Love Animal Rescue
- Pet Fix Savannah
- Save-A-Life

We also distributed food to Senior Citizens Inc.'s pet food pantry to help seniors keep their loyal companions well fed and at home where they belong.

This is the biggest philanthropic campaign in PetSmart's 30-year history and very well received by pet rescue organizations in the Coastal Georgia market.



PETSMART
Charities



Coastal Middle School's Elaine Hoffman

Coastal Middle School (CMS) got their feet wet with their first Second Harvest Food Drive over ten years ago. Mrs. Elaine Hoffman, the Specialized Instruction Teacher at CMS stated, "I have always recommended Second Harvest as an outstanding agency with whom to begin a school community service program. Second Harvest is a well-organized agency which serves our local neighbors."

The Coastal Middle School program has now expanded their service program to include hundreds of local agencies such as GA Coastal Heritage Society, Humane Shelter, Tybee Island, WI Farmer's Market, Savannah Mission, UNICEF, Ronald McDonald House, Rape Crisis Center, American Red Cross Hurricane Disaster Relief Programs, area churches and synagogues, and their own CMS families in crisis. For the past 5 years, the program has collected and provided food baskets to over 40 families in the 4 Islands school areas.

Ms. Hoffman hopes that her 40 plus years of teaching will leave behind a legacy of learning through community service for all students.



Mrs. Colson's CMS 8th Grade Homeroom class lead the charge in the All-School competition food drive, which collectively donated 2,047 pounds to Second Harvest.

Coastal Middle School Grade 8 Service Saturday with Mrs. Hoffman (Far right). Last year, Coastal Middle School Community Service Learning Program, was nominated for United Way's Group in Education Award.



L9GA nets over \$25,000 at their 5th annual charity golf tournament



Daria Janda and Mimi Krupp, Tournament Committee Members



Fierce competitors taking a swing to end childhood hunger.

The Landings Nine Hole Golf Association, known as L9GA, held their 5th annual charity golf tournament on October 26, 2017. Over the past four years, L9GA has raised over \$50,000 to benefit the Kids Cafe program of America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. The 5th annual tournament netted just over \$25,000.

Kids Cafe which originated in Savannah is now the third largest childhood hunger initiative in the United States. The most important components of Second Harvest's Kids Cafe program are that children are provided a hot meal, tutoring, mentoring, and a safe haven. The Kids Cafe program at Second Harvest has grown to providing meals at 52 different locations

each day. Grace's Kitchen, named after Grace Neises, opened in June 2011 and in 2017 was able to prepare and deliver 407,449 meals to children in need.

The support of L9GA members and their annual golf tournament is so instrumental to the success of the Kids Cafe program and our ability to reach out to more and more children at risk for hunger.



KIDS CAFE
PROGRAM



Fall Volunteer Hours Completed: 5,500

Boys Who Volunteer, Classy Living Society, Coastal Middle School Community Service Grade 8, Delta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Incorporated, ENVIROWORX Operations Management, Fairlawn Women of Faith, FJMBC SIS Ministry, Friends of America's Second Harvest, Fyalls, Georgia Southern University Alumni, Gulfstream, Hancock Askew & Company, LLP, Hilton FSD, International Academic Group, Junior League of Savannah, Our Journey, Publix (Pooler), Publix Store Managers, Republic Services of Savannah, Savannah Adventist Christian School, Savannah Holy Church of God, Savannah Law School's Black Law Student Association, Skidaway Rotary, Social Workers of Tomorrow, SOCK-IT, Saving Our Community Kids - In Time, Students See Savannah, Target, The Baker Family, WellCare of Georgia, Inc., Wells Fargo Security and Youth Works.

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

Southeast Branch Empty Bowls Feed the Hungry



Meghan Davis, Waffles, and Lois Henry of Color Me Happy hosted an event prior to Empty Bowl and donated bowls to benefit Second Harvest.



Over the summer, bowls were made at Glynn Visual Arts and sold during the Empty Bowl fundraiser held at Glynn Visual Arts on October 17th. The event raised over \$5,200.



Del Sur Donates to Second Harvest



Goucho Hernan and Alberto Llano present a check to Kalista Morton.

United Way Coastal Georgia



John Matthews, Kalista Morton, Virginia Brown and Mary Jenrette accepted \$30,000 from the United Way of Coastal Georgia. Second Harvest was chosen as one of the top 5 non-profits in the area to receive Community Impact funds for the next three years.

Bingo Night at Ember

Pictured below are (left to right) Meredith Deal of Paisley Magazine, Mike Green the Bingo King, Tyler Roberts owner of Ember, and Kalista Morton of Second Harvest. Bingo Night was great fun and raised money to provide 3,090 meals in Coastal Georgia.



Friends enjoying a fierce Bingo competition for a great cause.



RSM Classic and the Davis Love Foundation

America's Second Harvest has been awarded over \$22,000 by the Davis Love Foundation in conjunction with the Friends of the Davis Love Foundation charity raffle for a new Buick Verano. Leading up to the RSM Classic, area charities were allotted raffle tickets to sell for which each charity received 100% of their sales plus a percentage of a \$50,000 bonus pool. The ambitious mission of the Davis Love Foundation is to help build a better future for children and their families who are at risk of poor educational, economic, social and health outcomes. The Foundation provides grants and donations to community-based programs that focus on children and families in need.



Save the Dates!

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

Cooking for a Cause

Join us at Second Harvest in our beautiful commercial Kids Cafe kitchen as we host a series of cooking demonstrations by well-known, local chefs.

"Cooking for a Cause" cooking classes will be offered once a month on the fourth Thursday at 6pm for approximately 2 hours. We intend for this to be a fun foodie event that is interactive, informal and open to inquisitive culinary types.

Learn how to make classic dishes and taste delectable food all while helping to support your local food bank! You are welcome to bring your own beverage but we will have water and iced tea.

Classes cost \$45 per person. All proceeds from the class registration fee will benefit Second Harvest programs that serve those at risk for hunger.

For more information or to sign up for one of our Winter 2018 classes (January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26), please contact:

Chef Sarah Maier
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Sunday, February 4th

Planning a Party for the Big Game?

Let Second Harvest provide our Homemade, Award Winning Chili and Cornbread for your party.

- Chili for Four = \$10
- Chili for Fourteen = \$25
- Loaf Pan of Cornbread for Six = \$6
Cheddar or Jalapeno



Call Alison at 912.721.1794 to place your order by January 23, 2018

SUPER BOWL LII

JEWELS & JEANS

Thursday, April 19, 2018
 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Benefitting America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
 Live Music • Heavy Hors d'oeuvres • Full Bar

\$85 Individual Ticket

Purchase Tickets Online www.helpendhunger.org

2018 VOLUNTEER SATURDAYS

Month	Packing Date	Month	Packing Date
January	1/20	July	7/21
February	2/17	August	8/18
March	3/24	September	9/15
April	4/21	October	10/20
May	5/19	November	11/17
June	6/16	December	12/15



Ensuring that Senior Citizens in our community have enough food to last through the end of the month.

All individuals and groups must sign up in advance in order for us to plan accordingly. Visit helpendhunger.org/take-action/volunteer or call 912.236.6750.

Brown Bag Saturday starts promptly at 8am. Arrive by 7:45am for sign in and orientation.