

# food *for* thought

WINTER 2019

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2018

*Did you know?*

OVER THE PAST YEAR:

*325 Partner Agencies*

Helped distribute **15 million pounds of food**



throughout **21 counties** ... the equivalent of **12.5 million meals**

*Kids Cafe*

provided

**3,500**

meals per day

at **73** Kids Cafe sites  
serving **7** counties

*Summer Feeding*

provided

**7,200**

meals per day

at **68** summer feeding sites  
serving **9** counties

*Brown Bag for the Elderly*

packed

**22,800**

brown bags

for **21** brown bag partners  
serving **3** counties

*Mobile Pantry*

Served **52,000 households**



Distributed **2.6 million pounds of food**

serving **21 counties**



Save  
the Date  
2019

Tour D'Epicure  
Sunday, February 24

Jewels & Jeans  
Thursday, April 4

Letter Carrier's  
Food Drive  
Saturday, May 11



**143,000** lives touched

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## From the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Now that the holiday season is over, we look back on 2018 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. Our community's compassion inspires and encourages us. Your generosity restores hope to the hungry and makes it possible for us to stretch each dollar into five nutritious meals. We invite you to tour the food bank to see how your partnership provides more than 12.5 million meals each year. There are a number of organizations that seek your time, talents, and treasures; thank you for sharing with Second Harvest.

With one in four children at risk for hunger in Coastal Georgia, we must continue to work to ensure children have access to healthy food. Our Childhood Hunger Initiatives reach out to children through a variety of programs including Kids Cafe, Summer Feeding, Weekend Food Backpacks, Mobile Food Pantries, and our Market Place Program. This past year, we provided food to more than 325 faith-based organizations and other non-profits that have low-income feeding programs.

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, volunteering, attending an event, or donating funds — thank you and may 2019 be a healthy, safe, and prosperous year!

With gratitude,



Mary Jane Crouch  
Executive Director

## Fall Volunteer Hours Completed: 3,211

Aerotek, America's Home Place, AmeriCorps, Bank of America, Brasseler USA, CEMA, Chatham County 4-H, Colonial Oil, Communications Media Management Association, Enterprise, Georgia Power, Girl Scouts, Goodwill, Gulfstream, Hancock Askew, Home Depot, International Paper, Junior League, Landings New Neighbors, Macy's, Marshes of Skidaway Island, Mars Wrigley, Metropolitan Rotary, Mountain Alliance, Mungo Homes, National Distributing Company, New Birth Embassy Church, Park Place Outreach, Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. at Savannah State University, Progressive, Publix, Rollins College, Savannah Adventist Christian School, Savannah Holy Church of God, Savannah Law School's Phi Alpha Delta, SCAD Serve, Shaw Floors, Skidaway Rotary, St. Andrew's School, Students See Savannah, SunTrust, Synovus, Target, The After Sunday Project, The Independent Presbyterian Church, The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) at Savannah State University, Tijuana Flats, Tri Sigma, Verizon, Volunteer Emory, and WellCare

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

## Join these Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against Hunger



## Hunger Hero Volunteer Spotlight



**hfma™**  
georgia chapter

In early November, we were fortunate to connect with the Georgia Chapter of The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). HFMA is a membership organization that brings together executives and financial managers from provider organizations, physician practices, and health plan markets to collaborate and address the many financial challenges the US healthcare system faces today.

Two hundred and twenty-five association members were in town for a conference and chose Second Harvest as their charity of choice to give back while in Savannah. We had 13 amazing volunteers from the conference spend half a day at our

warehouse packing bags, sorting produce, organizing inventory, and seeing first hand what we do to support Coastal Georgians. We spoke at their General Assembly Meeting on the second day of the conference and further educated the group on hunger and its impact on those in our area.

## Nancy's Place for Kids



Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director  
Second Harvest, Lisa Dean, Ken Larsen,  
seated: Nancy Larsen

Sometimes, an organization is fortunate enough to have the support of special families who make a profound difference in its future; for Second Harvest, one of those families is the Larsens. Nancy and Ken Larsen have such a passion for children and are a perfect match for Kids Cafe — providing food and caring for hungry children. For more than 30 years, they have understood the need and actively, wholeheartedly, and most graciously helped us to fulfill our mission of feeding children, never wanting publicity or acknowledgment ... just because they knew and cared. As one of the founders of Kids Cafe, Nancy jumped in and became an

advocate for less fortunate children in our community. Those who know Nancy have seen her spunky spirit, her joy in hard work, and her giving heart to those in need, especially children.

Through the generosity of the Larsen Family and in partnership with Performance Initiatives Inc., we are honored and humbled to announce the opening of Nancy's Place for Kids. This Kids Cafe located on our campus will ensure that even more children in our community have a safe place after school, help with their homework, and a hot evening meal. We can not begin to thank Nancy and Ken for everything they have done for our organization, our community and the thousands of children we serve. The Larsen family truly believes in walking the walk of helping our community, and we are proud to walk with them.

## Thank You, Enterprise!



Second Harvest was a proud recipient of a \$20,250 donation from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to address food insecurity in Coastal Georgia. The donation is part of a program, known as Fill Your Tank, launched in October 2016 to mark Enterprise's 60th Anniversary by providing \$60 million to fight hunger globally.

In presenting the donation, Tyson Bragg, Group Human Resource Manager, Enterprise Leasing Company - Southeast said, "Two years ago, Enterprise Rent-A-Car committed to help address food insecurity around the world, including right here in Coastal Georgia. We support Second Harvest in their fight against hunger in our community." In the US alone, 41 million people face hunger, including nearly 13 million children and more than five million seniors, according to Feeding America.



## Being Recognized



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*For science. For action. For health.*

On November 13, America's Second Harvest was awarded the American Public Health Association (APHA) Presidential Citation. The APHA Presidential Citation recognizes an individual or organization of outstanding contributions to the advancement of public health or the public health profession.

Second Harvest was nominated by a longtime supporter from Statesboro and Ex-Officio APHA President, Joseph Telfair, DrPH, MSW, MPH. Mary Jane Crouch was honored to be invited to attend the Public Health Awards Program in San Diego to accept the award. "While not a traditional public health agency, America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia represents outstanding contributions to the advancement of public health and improvements to the health and well-being of vulnerable Americans. The organization is recognized for its tireless, committed, and influential work that addresses poverty, a major influencer of social and health inequity and a leading social determinant of health."

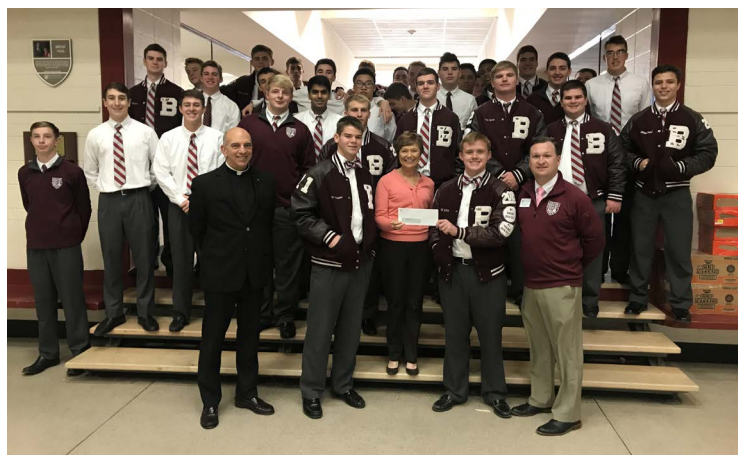
## A New Truck is Rolling into Town

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia was thrilled to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the Lowcountry Annie Oakleys' Fourth Annual Charity Clays Tournament & After Party that was held on September 28 at the Forest City Gun Club. The presenting sponsor for the event was Springer Mountain Farms, and platinum sponsors included Critz, The Kicklighter Company, Neiman Marcus of Atlanta, Gail and Michael Garcia, Jacqueline and Stephen Rabinowitz, and Cynthia and Dwaine Willett. Forty-five shooting teams participated in the 100-round tournament.



Rendering of the new Kids Cafe truck made possible by the Lowcountry Annie Oakleys

The Lowcountry Annie Oakleys raised \$200,000 during the tournament and after party and designated \$132,000 for Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia's Kids Cafe. With this most gracious donation, there will be a new truck rolling into town in January 2019. We are thrilled to add another refrigeration truck to our Kids Cafe fleet as we expand our reach into Effingham County. With the addition of two new sites, 252 more students will be able to receive a hot evening meal, mentoring, and tutoring. We hate to see hungry children but community partners like the Lowcountry Annie Oakleys make it possible for us to expand our reach and provide the food security the children need to thrive.



## Thank You, Benedictine!

Benedictine Military School celebrated the holiday season of giving by hosting a food drive in November and early December. The cadets collected 15,400 items, the equivalent of 13,927 pounds and \$2,400 cash.



## Southeast Branch



L-R back row: Vance Hooper, Marley Jones, Austin Bossack, Chris Cooper, Tyler Roberson, Jordan Girard-Dicarlo, Nick Phelps.  
Front row: Heather Traylor and Ansley Neidhardt.

September was Hunger Action Month and **Ember on St. Simons** hosted Bingo Night to Fight Hunger. It was a great night of fun thanks to Tyler Roberson and her staff, as well as Bingo Host, Jeff Lane, and the 50 participants that helped raise \$1,000 to help feed the need in Coastal Georgia.



L-R: Marsha Myers-Bue, Brunswick Police; Kalista Morton, Second Harvest; Peter Farrick, Glynn County Police; Alec Eaton, Glynn County Emergency Management Agency; and Trina Rankin, Glynn County Community Development. Representatives from both the Glynn County and Brunswick fire departments are not pictured.

**The Public Safety "Spread the Love" Peanut Butter Drive** held in September celebrated Hunger Action Month and collected over 250 pounds. Peanut butter is an excellent source of protein, so versatile you can find it in every meal from breakfast to dinner, and is typically enjoyed by all ages. Public safety worked together to support a mission and to give back to the citizens they serve.

The Davis Love Foundation once again "Shared the Love" in the Golden Isles with 26 non-profits benefitting to the amount of \$239,117. Second Harvest was overjoyed with our part of the charitable donation, \$8,466. Thank you to DLF for helping us end hunger in Coastal Georgia and the Golden Isles.



Every year, the **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)** located in Brunswick, Georgia, collects canned goods for America's Second Harvest as part of their Feds Feed Families campaign. FLETC provides career-long training to law enforcement professionals to help them fulfill their responsibilities safely and proficiently. Over the past 46 years, FLETC has grown into the nation's largest provider of law enforcement training.

FLETC collected and donated 55,000 pounds of food to help Second Harvest feed those in need in Coastal Georgia. We truly appreciate the efforts of Feds Feed Families and their continuous support.



## Mark Your Calendar!

### VOLUNTEER SATURDAYS 2019

Month	Packing Date	Month	Packing Date
January	1/26	July	7/20
February	2/16	August	8/17
March	3/23	September	9/21
April	4/27	October	10/19
May	5/18	November	11/16
June	6/22	December	12/14



**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](http://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.**



**SAVANNAH**  
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

### The Path to the PGA Tour Continues in Savannah

Savannah Golf Championship  
Deer Creek Course at The Landings  
March 28-31, 2019

Tickets are on sale now  
[www.savannahgolfchampionship.com](http://www.savannahgolfchampionship.com)

The Savannah Golf Championship is dedicated to supporting the local Savannah community and positively impacting the lives of those around us by giving back. For each ticket purchased, all proceeds from the ticket sale will directly benefit local partner organizations.

When you finalize your ticket order, you will have the option to choose the organization you would like to support. We hope you choose America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia and help us take a swing at hunger!

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**For A Fabulous Night**

live music • heavy hors d'oeuvres • full bar

**Thursday, April 4, 7-10pm**

**\$85 individual ticket**

*Jewels & Jeans*

**Purchase Tickets Online [www.helpendhunger.org](http://www.helpendhunger.org)**