

food *for* thought

WINTER 2020

2019: A Year in Review

Did you know?

298 Partner Agencies

Helped distribute over **18 million pounds** of food throughout **21 counties** ... the equivalent of **13.9 million meals**.



Brown Bag for the Elderly

Packed and provided **Senior Citizens** over **20,000 bags** of essential groceries. **21 partner agencies** in **3 counties** distribute the brown bags.



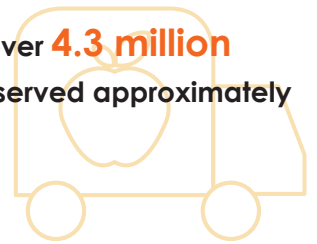
Kids Cafe Program *with Grace's Kitchen*

Prepared and delivered **589,266 meals** to **75 sites** in **8 counties**. On average, **3,700 students** are served the only **evening meal** they are likely to eat.



Mobile Food Pantry

Packed and distributed over **4.3 million pounds** of food which served approximately **62,000 households**.



143,000 Lives Improved.

It was a good year in our effort to end hunger and improve the lives of **143,000 families**, seniors, children, and disabled in our **10,103 square mile** service area.



Save the Date 2020

Tour D'Epicure
Sunday, February 23
Jewels & Jeans
Thursday, April 2
Letter Carrier's Food Drive
Saturday, May 9

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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

As we reflect on 2019, we are so grateful for the caring and compassionate people that enable Second Harvest to feed people who are food insecure in our community. The Food Bank uses a logistical process to acquire and store food so that our neighbors have access to food when they need it throughout the year.

Over the past eight months, our Board, staff, and donors contributed to building a strategic plan for the next five years. Thank you to all that participated in helping develop a new vision and mission as well as Five Strategic Issues.

Vision: A hunger free community.

Mission: Leading the effort to end hunger and improve lives.

Issue 1: Create a strong financial plan to improve financial security and processes to ensure long term stability.

Issue 2: Nurturing and growing stakeholder base.

Issue 3: Capacity planning to facilitate long-term solutions through program and infrastructural growth.

Issue 4: Distribution of nutritious foods to people in need to eliminate hunger.

Issue 5: Broadening and strengthening of emergency and disaster response plans.

Hunger is not a short-term problem and neither is the solution! With your help, it is our wish to put hunger out of business!

Fondest gratitude,

Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director

JOIN THESE HUNGER HEROES
and Take Action Against Hunger



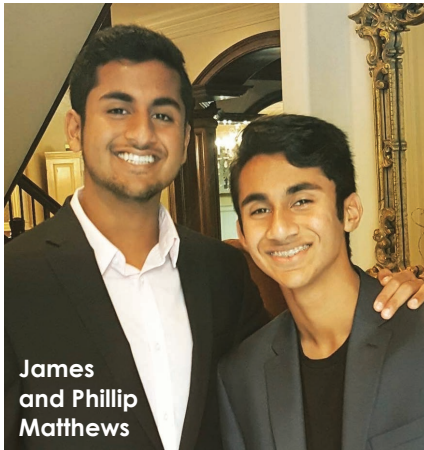
GOT FOOD?



Here at America's Second Harvest Food Bank, we want the clients that our partners serve to be able to easily find food. Problem solved! We introduce to you a free mobile application (app) for iPhone and Android

devices. **The Got Food? app which provides users with directions, service hours and contact information to food pantries and soup kitchens,** was the brainchild of two young gentlemen, James and Phillip Matthews (ages 16 and 13) from Chicago, IL.

Rewind to 2013 when James was approached on his walk home from middle school by an individual that was seeking directions to the local food pantry. James was not even aware there was a food pantry nearby and kindly directed the lady



James and Phillip Matthews

to the police station for help. Two years later, a friend invited James to serve on the inaugural junior board at the very same food pantry. By spending many hours volunteering and hearing the stories

of community members that come in for food assistance, James learned first-hand the challenges that food pantry clients face.

Two years later the high school age brothers, James and Phillip, co-founded and launched their Got Food? app. James conducted most of the outreach while Phillip maintained the technical aspects of the application. In 2017 when James headed off to college at Harvard University, Phillip assumed the primary leadership role and now handles outreach, technical support, and advocacy efforts. **Interest in Got Food? has steadily increased and now has 18 Feeding America food banks and other hunger-relief organizations involved across 27 states. The database has grown to include over 5,000 agencies.** "Many of our users are clinicians, social workers, or volunteers that serve the food insecure population and therefore use our app to refer thousands of people in need," states Phillip.

Second Harvest is excited to partner with Got Food?. We now have 148 partner Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens in our service area that are accessible on the app. When summer approaches, we will submit open Summer Feeding sites to be included. We are constantly striving to assist people in finding food and are optimistic that Got Food? will be instrumental in serving those who suffer with food insecurity. **Download the app for FREE and lend a hand in directing those in need to those that can help!**

Total number of volunteer hours for June-November: 7,425

Aerotek, Andaz Savannah, Atlanta Gas, Blessed Sacrament, Chase Bank, Chatham County 4-H, Choate Construction, Coastal Atheists and Secular Humanists, Cub Scout Pack 691, Dental ClaimSupport, Desoto Hotel, Embassy Suites, eviCore, First Baptist Church Savannah, First Presbyterian, Gems of Faith, Georgia Heritage Federal Credit Union, Georgia Southern University, Grace Christian Tutoring and Learning Center, Gulfstream, Haifa North America, Hancock Day School, Haven Helping Hands, Healthcare Financial Management Association, Hilton Garden Inn – HHI and Savannah Midtown, Hospital Corporation of America, Hyatt Regency, Independent Presbyterian Church, Innomed, International Paper, Johnson Matthey, Junior League, Kappa Epsilon

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INVEST IN ENDING HUNGER ... BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

PARTNER OF HOPE



Join a very special group of people dedicated to our mission to Feed People and Fight Hunger every day in our community. Become a **Partner of Hope** and give an on-going, monthly donation from your credit card, debit card, checking, or savings account. Your monthly gifts enable America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia food bank to provide daily meals and programs that offer hope to our community members who need it most. Becoming a **Partner of Hope** is the easiest, most efficient way for you to help our neighbors who are food insecure. **Join us as a "Partner of Hope" today!**

Hunger is a year-round problem that requires a year-round solution. You can make an impact on the fight to end hunger. Your partnership will allow our food bank to plan for the year ahead, budgeting and allocating resources to make sure those we serve have consistent access to nourishing foods. Your gift of \$1 a day can be the most wonderful **gift of hope** for someone in need.

Fighting Hunger. Feeding Hope.

- \$10 equals 3 Mobile Food Pantry boxes monthly.
- \$30 equals 150 meals.
- \$50 feeds a child at a Kids Cafe site for a year.
- \$100 feeds 2 senior citizens each month for a year.

Hope is a hot meal, a bag of groceries, or a well-nourished child.

Simply indicate your interest in becoming a **PARTNER OF HOPE** on the backside of your remittance slip.

Southeast Branch



Students from **Brunswick High School** and **Glynn Academy** help pack **Brown Bags for the Elderly** every third Saturday.



Tyler Roberson and her crew at **Ember** hosted **Bingo Night** which raised funds equivalent to **15,000 meals**.



Sarah Callaway and Keisha Brantley of **Sandy Bottom Bagels** host a year-round food drive that **rewards your donation with a percentage off your meal**.

Brenna Young's **Third Grade Class at Oglethorpe Elementary School** hosted a food drive and collected **187 pounds**.



It takes a caring, compassionate community to help alleviate hunger and fight the battle against food insecurity. Our Brunswick Branch may be a small satellite warehouse with just three employees running 5,000 square feet, but in this case, size does not matter. With the support of our donors including retail, corporate, private and faith-based groups, **we were able to distribute over 3.1 million pounds of food to those in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne counties.** The donations we receive in Brunswick allow us to reach the 30,660 individuals, seniors and children that experience not knowing where their next meal will come from. It is with the tremendous strength and energy of volunteers that we are able to conduct food drives, stock the shelves, pack Brown Bags for the Elderly, host drive-through

food distributions and raise funds through events with local business partners.

These are just a few HUNGER HEROES that have made a difference in 2019.

Blue Bay Restaurant, Boulevard Café, Brunswick High Navy JROTC, College of Coastal Georgia, Colonial Trolley Tours, Community Church, Exchange Club, First Presbyterian Church SSI, GA Hope Club, GA National Honor Society, Glynn Academy Players, Glynn Visual Arts, Grace House, Halyards, Jr League of the Golden Isles, Newcomers Club, Pirates of the Spanish Main, Parker's, Prime South Bank, Rotary Club, Saltwater, Shellnut and Hogan, Southeast Adventures, Southern Soul BBQ, Straton Hall Events, Tramici, Uncle Don's Produce, United Way of Coastal Georgia, and Village Inn and Pub.

Mark Your Calendar!

VOLUNTEER SATURDAYS 2020

Month	Packing Date	Month	Packing Date
January	1/25	July	7/18
February	2/15	August	8/15
March	3/21	September	9/19
April	4/18	October	10/17
May	5/16	November	11/14
June	6/20	December	12/19



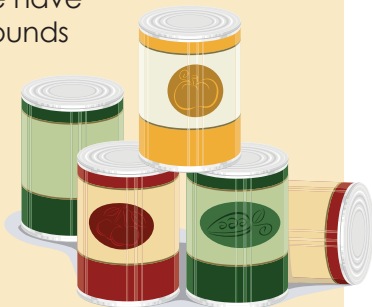
Ensuring that Senior Citizens in our community have enough food to last through the end of the month.

We ask for all individuals and groups to sign up in advance in order for us to plan accordingly. Visit helpendhunger.org/take-action/volunteer or call 912.721.1795 to volunteer in Savannah or 912.261.7979 to volunteer in Brunswick.

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

Ask, and you shall receive!

Well, that's not always the case but it did work when we made a call out for food assistance. In late October we enlisted the media to help spread the word that the food bank shelves were dismally bare. As Thanksgiving and Christmas were quickly approaching, we needed immediate help. The community response was overwhelming with requests to host over 148 food drives during November and December. As this newsletter goes to print, we have already received 64,081 pounds of non-perishable food donations. We are grateful for the response of the community, the urgency to answer the call and the compassion to help feed those in need.



The 28th Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is on Saturday, May 9th.

Join Us For A Fabulous Night
 live music • heavy hors d'oeuvres • full bar
 Thursday, April 2, 2020
 \$85 individual ticket

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Purchase Tickets Online www.helpendhunger.org