

FIGHTING HUNGER, FEEDING HOPE: 2024 HIGHLIGHTS





### **KIDS CAFE:**

Delivering over **822**,000 hot, nutritious meals to kids across **85** partner locations.



KIDS CAFE





### **SCHOOL PANTRY:**

Supporting 17 Glynn
County schools with

3,500 pantry bags,
ensuring students have

access to nutritious food.





### BROWN BAG FOR THE ELDERLY:

Providing

24,122 bags

of groceries to seniors in Savannah and 1.728

in Brunswick.



BROWN BAG
— FOR THE ELDERLY —



### **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:**

Serving 40,600 households through 108 mobile food pantries, delivering over

8.4 million pounds of food.



### PARTNER MARKET PLACE:

Collaborating with 247 nonprofit partners to distribute 24.6 million pounds of food.



### **VOLUNTEER IMPACT:**

Over **20,299** volunteer hours logged in Savannah and Brunswick combined.



### **MILES DRIVEN:**

300,000 miles to ensure food reaches every corner of Coastal Georgia.



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# LOOKING AHEAD INTO 2025 WITH Gratitude and Excitement

Dear Friends,

As we step into 2025, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. This past year, **your generosity** and commitment have been the heart and soul of everything we do at Second Harvest. **Because of you, we provided more meals than ever before,** reaching children, seniors, and families in our community.

This year also brought exciting changes, including our move into **our new buildings**. The state-of-the-art facilities represent a fresh chapter, enabling us to expand our reach and serve our neighbors even better.

At the same time, we said goodbye to an extraordinary leader, Eric Thompson, our Director of Operations, who retired after 18 remarkable years. Eric's leadership helped us grow from distributing **5.3 million pounds of food annually** to an astounding **24 million pounds this year.** His vision brought innovations like the Mobile Food Pantry and ensured we stayed strong during challenges like the pandemic and hurricanes.

Eric's loyalty and dedication leave a lasting legacy, and we will continue building on the foundation he helped create. As we look to 2025, we are inspired to do even more to fight hunger and bring hope to those we serve. We are committed to expanding our reach, increasing the meals we provide, and ensuring our new building becomes a **hub of hope and support** for all.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we will make this year one of growth, resilience, and impact.

With gratitude,

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Mary Jane Crouch Executive Director





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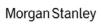






















## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVES: A lifeline for Ow Mission

As the holiday season ends, we reflect on the generosity and community spirit that brought hope to so many neighbors facing food insecurity. This year, we partnered with WJCL's Turkey Drive at Piggly Wiggly, WTOC's Day of Giving at Kroger, Benedictine Military Academy, and the City of Savannah—four impactful food drives that truly embody our mission.

Together, these efforts provided thousands of meals to individuals and families across Coastal Georgia, ensuring no one faced the season with an empty plate. But while the holidays may be over, the need for food assistance remains year-round.



November 14th

**WJCL Turkey Drive at Piggly Wiggly – 8,918 lbs.** Riley Miller, Jeremy Nelson and Shannon Royster



December 5<sup>th</sup>

City of Savannah - 41,438 lbs.
Jay Melder, City Manager, Mary Jane
Crouch, Nick Palumbo, 4th District
Alderman

Food drives like these are critical to keeping our shelves stocked and ensuring that every neighbor who turns to us receives the care they deserve. We are deeply grateful to our partners for leading these efforts and to everyone who donated, volunteered, or rallied their communities. Your generosity inspires hope and connection.

As we move into a new year, we invite you to keep the momentum going. Hosting a food drive is a meaningful way to give back and support neighbors in need. Every box and bag of food represents a tangible reminder of compassion.

To learn more about organizing a food drive or supporting our mission, visit our website or contact us directly. Together, we can ensure no one in Coastal Georgia has to choose between food and other essential needs.

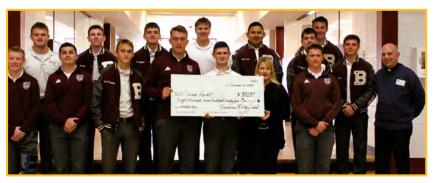
Let's make 2025 a year of nourishment, connection, and hope for all.



November 21<sup>st</sup>

WTOC Day of Giving at Kroger - 10,997 lbs.

Kyle Jordan, Mary Jane Crouch, Madeline Hunt



December 13th

Benedictine Military School – 5,920 lbs. and \$11,319. Plus \$2,219 from Doc's Table BC Class of '71 | BC Cadets with Headmaster, Father Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B. (far right)

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION SHINES IN GVA'S Empty Boyl Fundraiser

This fall, Glynn Visual Arts (GVA) and local businesses united to fight hunger. GVA potters spent the summer crafting beautiful ceramic "Empty Bowls," each symbolizing hunger in our communities. These bowls became the centerpiece of a fundraiser that combined creativity and compassion to make a difference.

For two weeks, local businesses and restaurants curated stunning tablescapes featuring the bowls and enticing gifts. Proceeds from the online auction supported Second Harvest's mission to combat food insecurity.

"Seeing the community come together for this cause is inspiring," said Jennifer Floyd, Branch Manager at Second Harvest. Over the past decade, GVA and their potters have raised more than \$25,000, with this year's event adding \$6,651.

"So many hands made this happen," said Kari Morris, GVA's Executive Director. "From creating the bowls to businesses eagerly participating and generous bidders, this event showed the power of community."

**Special thanks to Rich's** for sponsoring the GVA Pottery Studio, ensuring potters had the resources



needed to bring this project to life.

We're deeply grateful to these participating businesses: Dutchmans Casual Living, Georgia Sea Grill, J. McLaughlin, Evelyne Talman, Christ Church Frederica, Bailey Boys, Golden Isles Olive Oil, Dulce Dough, Viola's, The Bridge Center, and The Market at Sea Island.

Together, we've proven that united efforts create meaningful change and a brighter future for those we serve.

### A HOLE-IN-ONE FOR HUNGER RELIEF: SHIGH Charity Classic

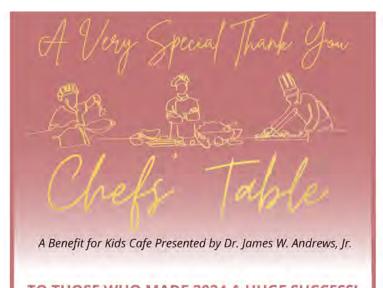
This November, the SILGA Charity Classic Golf
Tournament brought the spirit of generosity to life.
Hosted by the Sea Island Ladies Golf Association
(SILGA), this event combined a love for golf with a
commitment to philanthropy, raising an incredible
\$32,250 for Second Harvest's Southeast Branch!

This contribution will play a pivotal role in combating food insecurity across our community. With nearly 25 million pounds of food distributed last year, SILGA's support ensures we can continue helping children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those experiencing homelessness.

Beyond its financial impact, **events like this showcase the power of community.** Every donation, volunteer, and round of golf made a difference. Thanks to SILGA and their supporters, **more families will have access to nutritious food in 2025.** 

From all of us at
Second Harvest:
Thank you, SILGA,
for driving change on
and off the course!
Together, we're
building stronger
communities—one
swing at a time.





### TO THOSE WHO MADE 2024 A HUGE SUCCESS!

### PARTICIPATING CHEFS

Tyler Kopkas, Ardsley Station
Candice Carver, Cha Bella
Brandon Carter, Common Thread
Matthew Hankey, Current Catering
Miguel Bautista, Emporium at Perry Lane
Sam Brod & Jackie Silk, The Landings Club
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Demetric Orr, Vic's on the River
Dustin Hambrick, Wexford, Savannah's Irish Pub

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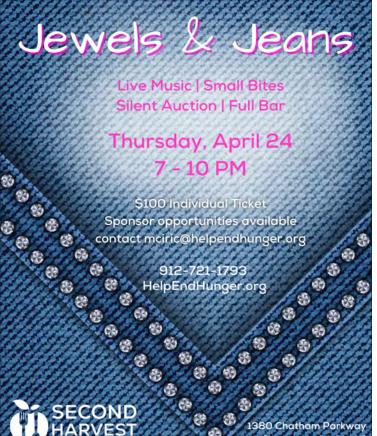
















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