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**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK NEEDS HELP FROM COMMUNITY
TO RESTOCK THE SHELVES. SUMMER IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR FIGHTING HUNGER.**

New Orleans, La.—Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is calling on the community to help to restock its shelves with donated, nonperishable food items. Canned meats, fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, soups, stews, beans, rice and pasta are among the items needed to help fight hunger throughout the summer when the need for food assistance increases and food donations are often low.

Summer often poses an additional strain on families who struggle to nourish their children when school is out for summer. While thousands of children receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs during the school year, only 13 percent of the children enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program participate in a summer feeding program.

“Hunger is an everyday disaster,” says Natalie Jayroe, President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank. “Community food donations and food drives are critical sources of food that help Second Harvest address the growing needs of children, seniors and families who struggle with hunger, especially during the summer months.”

Food donations help the food bank provide food assistance to more than 263,000 individuals that seek food assistance from Second Harvest’s 240 member agencies across 23 south Louisiana parishes. As summer comes to a close, the food bank’s shelves are in need of restocking. There are three simple ways the community can help:

Individual Donations of Non Perishable Food Items

Clean out the home pantry or pick up a few extra items at the grocery. Deliver non-perishable food donations to Second Harvest Food Bank located at [700 Edwards Avenue](#) between 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday- Friday. Food donations may also be made at any neighborhood Rouses location.

Host a Food Drive

Food donations from businesses, community organizations and neighborhood food drives generate thousands of meals each year. Step-by-step instructions on how to plan and host a food drive and suggested food items can be found on the Second Harvest Food Bank website in the Take Action section at www.no-hunger.org, or call 504-734-1322.

Donate

A donation to Second Harvest Food Bank can make a big difference in the lives of those struggling with hunger. With every dollar donated, Second Harvest Food Bank can provide a meal for a family of four.

Donate securely online at www.no-hunger.org, call 504-734-1322 to make a gift with a credit card by phone, or mail a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank, 700 Edwards Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70123.

“Through the generosity of individuals, businesses, community organizations, retail partners, food vendors and others, Second Harvest Food Bank distributes millions of meals each year to our neighbors in need,” adds Jayroe.

“With a little help, donations of food or funds, Second Harvest Food Bank can fight the everyday disaster of hunger.”

Twitter summary: @2ndHarvestGNOA is calling for food donations to help stock the shelves of our New Orleans warehouse. Donate www.no-hunger.org.

About Second Harvest Food Bank:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is leading the fight against hunger in south Louisiana through food distribution, education, advocacy and disaster response. Annually, Second Harvest serves approximately 263,000 people through 240 nonprofit and faith-based agencies across 23 south Louisiana parishes – from the Mississippi border to the Texas state line. In any given week, nearly 42,000 people access emergency food services through Second Harvest Food Bank member agencies.

Second Harvest Food Bank is an affiliated ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and a member of Feeding America. To learn more or donate food, money or time, please visit www.no-hunger.org. Follow us on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/2ndHarvestGNOA or fan us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/2ndHarvestGNOA.

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