



Second Harvest Food Bank
Greater New Orleans and Acadiana



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UnitedHealthcare Gulf States Region and Second Harvest Food Bank to Distribute 200 Holiday Meals in Plaquemines Parish

WHO: Volunteers from **UnitedHealthcare - Gulf States Region** including Glen Golemi, CEO, Plaquemines Parish **President Billy Nungessor**, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

WHAT: Turkeys and the fixings for a complete holiday meal will be distributed to approximately 200 families in Plaquemines Parish. The distribution of turkeys and holiday food boxes has been made possible by UnitedHealthcare – Gulf States Region.

PLEASE NOTE: The 200 families who will receive turkeys and holiday food boxes have been pre-determined. This is not an open food distribution for the general public.

WHEN: **Monday, December 20, 11:00am- 1:00pm**

WHERE: Belle Chasse Auditorium
8398 Highway 23, Belle Chasse

WHY: One in eight people in Louisiana is food insecure, meaning that they lack consistent access to enough food at some point during the year. Second Harvest Food Bank continues to see more and more families who are confronted with difficult choices, such as choosing between paying the rent, mortgages, or utilities and putting food on the table.

“Good health starts with nutrition,” says Golemi, CEO of UnitedHealthcare - Gulf States Region. “Our mission at UnitedHealthcare is to help people live healthier lives. Providing a holiday meal is one way we can help feed hope to families in a community still facing uncertainty because of the lingering effects of the Gulf Oil Spill and the struggling economy.”

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About UnitedHealthcare:

UnitedHealthcare (www.unitedhealthcare.com) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes, including more than half of the Fortune 100 companies. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of approximately 25 million individual consumers, contracting directly with more than 600,000 physicians and care professionals and 5,000 hospitals to offer them broad, convenient access to services nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.

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 corporation of Catholic Charities 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.