



One in five South Louisiana residents struggle with hunger.

OUR 2016 IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS



30 million
Meals provided annually



2,500 +
Children served daily
by our Community
Kitchen



53,000
Volunteer hours annually

100,000

People served monthly



186

Community based
child feeding
programs



1.8 million

Pounds of food, water and
supplies to disaster victims

Every \$1 = 3 Meals

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Second Harvest is leading the fight against hunger in South Louisiana through food distribution, advocacy, education and disaster response.



Helping Victims of Yet Another Natural Disaster

For the fourth time in twelve months, a major natural disaster has struck South Louisiana. And once again, Second Harvest immediately responded to help thousands of storm victims.

The tornado outbreak of February 7 caused significant damage in six parishes, including the strongest tornado to touch down in New Orleans in recorded history. More than 700 homes in New Orleans East saw serious to major damage. Houses were leveled, cars flipped and roofs blown off for miles. Thousands of other residents were left without electricity for days.

“Our disaster response plan is in place year-round to respond to situations like this,” said Second Harvest Chief Impact Officer Melanie McGuire. “We were able to

immediately mobilize and get the first of many truckloads of supplies to victims less than 24 hours after the twister touched down.”

Second Harvest staff and volunteers distributed food, water, beverages and cleaning supplies for several days. Our Community Kitchen also sprang into action, distributing thousands of emergency meals to disaster victims. In all, more than 140,000 pounds disaster supplies were given to tornado victims, and we continue to support community partner agencies who are helping victims get back on their feet.

New Orleans East resident Johnathan Griffin is one of the thousands of victims who received help from Second Harvest. “It’s definitely a great help. It’s always good to help out others, because you never know

when it’s going to be you.”

Like so many of his neighbors, Mr. Griffin’s family endured the flood waters of Hurricane Katrina. But, he says he’s still thankful.

“So many of my neighbors got much worse damage than us from this storm, and it is truly a blessing that no one was killed,” he told us. “We are here for each other, and we will rebuild.”

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Tomorrow’s Harvest: Help Fight Hunger for Years to Come

Legacy gifts ensure that Second Harvest can continue to lead the fight against hunger and provide assistance to the children, families and seniors who need it most. You can make a lasting impact by naming Second Harvest as a beneficiary of a will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement or savings account.

If you have already included Second Harvest in your estate plans, please let us know so we can thank you, and include you in our legacy society, Tomorrow’s Harvest. Please contact Heather Sweeney, Director of Development, hsweeney@secondharvest.org or 504-729-2839.



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President's Message: Infrastructure Needs Could Limit Our Mission

I am proud to report we provided more support to South Louisiana neighbors in need than ever in 2016. Second Harvest provided the equivalent of 30 million meals across 23 parishes, an overall increase of more than five million meals a year over the last three years.

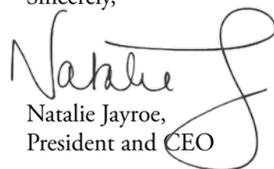
This good news is only possible thanks to the tireless work of our staff and volunteers. They are constantly seeking more efficient ways to collect, track and distribute nutritious food to more than 100,000 people a month. However, not only is more food leaving our doors, we are also finding innovative ways to provide nutritious meals to families, beyond the traditional community food pantries we support.

Our School Pantry program is one such example of innovation. These food pantries operate inside of local schools at times more convenient for working parents. While our backpack programs provide extra weekend food to at-risk students on Fridays, the in-school pantries provide extra food for the entire family.

Even as we continue to expand programs such as these, our growth will soon face serious infrastructure limitations. Our 200,000 square-foot Elmwood and 30,000 square-foot Lafayette distribution centers are in need of major upgrades and repair. Planned improvements to our floors, roof, racking systems and inventory control will greatly increase our ability to continue to serve those in need.

If you have never been in our facilities, I encourage you to join us for a tour. Many visitors are surprised by the scope and scale of our operation, the amount of food that we bring in from around the country that would otherwise go to waste, and the incredible beehive of activity that makes those 30 million meals per year possible. Despite infrastructure limitations, our staff and volunteers have done an outstanding job in providing a historic level of aid to our community, and I am incredibly proud of their work.

Sincerely,


Natalie Jayroe,
President and CEO



Martin Luther King Day of Service

It was a wonderful day of service on this MLK Day at Second Harvest. At our Lafayette facility, some of the volunteers helping out were from (top) the Law Offices of Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, & in our New Orleans-area facility (bottom), dozens of youth from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans lent a hand!



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– Mr. Dale Dunlap

Great Volunteers Like Mr. Dale Make Our Mission Possible

The incredible work of our volunteers makes our mission possible. In all, more than 8,400 volunteers worked more than 52,000 hours, the equivalent of 25 full-time Second Harvest employees. One of those many of volunteers is Mr. Dale Dunlap, who is now in his third year of volunteering with Second Harvest.

“Three years ago, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity, and my neighbor’s daughter said how much she enjoyed Second Harvest. So I came in the next day, and fell in love with it. I’ve been coming back several days a week ever since.”

Mr. Dunlap helps prepare nutritious meals in our Community Kitchen for programs that feed local children and seniors. He is also one of many veterans who donate their time to our mission. “I was in the Marines from 1967 to 1988. I recently found out that

another gentleman who volunteers in the kitchen was in Vietnam the same time as me, and we were deployed just a few miles apart. Small world,” he said with a laugh.

Mr. Dunlap is also dedicated to helping children in other ways, and is well on his way to donating his 200th pint of blood platelets for children undergoing cancer treatment. Having lost a son to cancer in 1991, he says donating his time to help children and others in so many ways helps honor the memory of his son.

“I really enjoy everything I do at Second Harvest, from the meals, to washing pots and pans, to taking out the trash. When I look up at the kitchen signs that show how many thousands we’ve helped, it just makes you feel good.”



Charity Runner Perks & Incentives: Unique Charity bib number • Unique Charity race t-shirt • Prime starting location on race day in the “Charity Corral” positioned right behind Seeded Runners • Access to nice bathrooms race morning in Champions Square • Access to Second Harvest’s private party tent after the race • Prize drawings

Run (or Walk) to Support Second Harvest!

The “Run For It” program is the Official Charity Program of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Crescent City Classic. The goal of the “Run For It” program is to raise \$1 million annually and serve the Greater New Orleans area’s needs

Second Harvest is thrilled to be one of the Official Charity Partners for 2017. We will recruit 100 charity runners/walkers, who commit to raising a minimum of \$200 by race day (April 15, 2017). All of the money raised by our 100 charity runners/walkers will be donated directly to Second Harvest. To register, go to www.no-hunger.org/events

8TH ANNIVERSARY

HARVEST at HOME

Celebrating its 8th anniversary in New Orleans, Harvest at Home invites benefactors to gather in support of our mission to fight hunger across South Louisiana. Join us at a special patron dinner on Tuesday, March 21st at the home of Melanie and Mickey Loomis, featuring Chef Nina Compton of Compère Lapin and past Harvest at Home chefs. Or, create your own evening at home. All donors will receive a gift bag with Chef Compton’s signature recipe, key ingredients to prepare the recipe, materials to encourage conversation about hunger in our communities, and a yard sign to demonstrate support.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Entergy, First Bank & Trust, Postlethwaite & Netterville, Iberia Bank, Jones Walker, Lexus of New Orleans and Wherible GPS. For more information on Harvest at Home, visit no-hunger.org/events or contact Kathryn Gsell at 504.729.2820 or kgsell@secondharvest.org.

