



BAYOU DISTRIBUTION CENTER

2026

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MISSION



The mission of Second Harvest is to lead the effort to end hunger and build food security in South Louisiana by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response.



Serving 23 Parishes in South Louisiana

Second Harvest is the largest anti-hunger organization in the state.

44M Meals Provided with 500+ Partners

In 2025, Second Harvest provided over 44 million meals through a network of 500+ partner agencies.

For **every \$1** donated, we provide the equivalent of **3 meals**.

Our fundraising and administrative costs are **6% of overall expenses**.



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Five years ago, when I joined Second Harvest as a Board member, I had no idea there were so many hungry people in our community or how much Second Harvest was helping our people.

Throughout our Bayou Region, over 43,000 people, almost a third of those being children, face hunger. This number is increasing. Just in the past year, Second Harvest distributed 4.9 million meals through our local partners in St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Grand Isle.

The stories behind these numbers are our call to action. The people we are helping and need to help are our neighbors, our friends, and our families. They are children who go to school hungry. They are seniors who choose between medicine and food. They are working families who turn to food pantries because they are struggling to make ends meet in the face of rising inflation and rebuilding costs.

I am so excited that we are going to do more in our region— the Bayou Region. As you will see in the following pages, the new Bayou Distribution Center allows us to help many, many more people and respond to disasters more efficiently than we have before.

At Second Harvest, 84% of our budget is funded by private donations from people like us and the companies we work for. Second Harvest has already invested \$6 Million for infrastructure, operating costs and prefunding several years of operations to give the Bayou Region a chance to get up and running.

Our vision for Second Harvest in the Bayou Region is that it is fully reflective of the diversity and generosity of our community. Second Harvest should not have to wait on or depend on outside funding. We are blessed with the talent and resources to do this for our community, for our friends, for our families. I am looking forward to your partnership.

Eric Danos

Owner & CEO of Danos Ventures



HUNGER IN THE BAYOU

The Problem

43,000 People in the Bayou Region Face Hunger

1/3 are Children

The rising food and gas prices, the continuous cost of rebuilding after Hurricane Ida, and historically high homeowners insurance are driving more neighbors in the Bayou Region to seek help from us every month.

Part of the Solution

Second Harvest has been serving the Bayou Region since its founding in 1982. Over the years, it has forged partnerships with churches, shelters, and other community organizations to provide groceries and meals to individuals and families in the Bayou.

In 2025, we provided more than 4.9 million meals across the Bayou Region through a network of over 60 local organizations.

The Face of Hunger



Wendy did physical labor for years. She peeled shrimp, packed seafood, and worked at a fast food restaurant. But during one shift, things changed.

Wendy shares, "We had to get 40 pounds of grease and lift it by ourselves with no help." One day, her back just gave out, leaving her disabled.

Now on a fixed income, making ends meet is tough, and affording food for the month on just her assistance is impossible.

Wendy finds help from a Second Harvest pantry. They give her the food she needs and also offer connection when times are hard. "They're real nice to me," she says about the volunteers. **With the pantry's assistance, Wendy can make it through each month a little easier.**

Helping to Fight Hunger

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

Since 1982, Second Harvest has provided more than 28 million meals to our partners in the Bayou.

Our network of local partners understand the needs of their communities and help ensure we provide the necessary resources to fulfill those needs through our extensive food bank operation.



Our Programs in the Bayou



Food Access

Programs that go beyond emergency food assistance to address the root causes of hunger.

Pantry Partners
Mobile Pantries
Food Distributions
Makin' Groceries
Mobile Market



Child Hunger

Programs that work to bridge the meal gap for hungry children to ensure they are able to grow, learn, and achieve.

Kids Cafe
Summer Feeding
School Pantries



Senior Hunger

Programs that provide relief to at-risk seniors that meet the specific needs of older adults.

Senior Food
Box Program



Relief

A disaster response leader since 2005, providing hot meals, cleaning supplies, and food boxes to those caught in the path of destruction.

LOCAL SUPPORT



BAYOU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eric Danos
Katherine Bourg
Bonnie Babin
JJ Buquet
Charles Bourque
Dr. Camile Chiasson
Karen Trahan David

FOUNDATION SUPPORT



BAYOU PARTNERS



Local partners across the Bayou who are receiving 80% of their food from Second Harvest:

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Bethel Baptist Church **Mobile Pantry**
Bless Your Heart **Food Pantry**
Catholic Community Center **Food Pantry**
Community Bible Church of Lafourche **Food Pantry**
First Baptist Golden Meadow **Mobile Pantry**
Good Samaritan **Food Pantry**
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Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux **Food Pantry**
Gulf Coast Baptist Church **Food Pantry**
Hi-5 **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
It's What We Do Outreach - Lockport **Food Pantry**
It's What We Do Outreach - Raceland **Food Pantry**
Lafourche COA Cutoff **Senior Commodity Box**
Lafourche COA Raceland **Senior Commodity Box**
Lafourche COA Thibodaux **Senior Commodity Box**
Lafourche Parish Library - Bayou Blue **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Lafourche Parish Library - Choctaw **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Lafourche Parish Library - Larose **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Lafourche Parish Library - Lockport **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Lafourche Parish Library - Raceland **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Lafourche Parish Library - Thibodaux **Kids Café & Summer Feeding**
Moses Baptist Church **Food Pantry**
Nicholls State University Colonel Closet **Food Pantry**
United Gospel Tabernacle DBA Hope Center **Food Pantry**

ST. MARY PARISH

Amelia Community Center **Senior Commodity Box**
Berwick Civic Complex **Senior Commodity Box**
First Baptist Church of Patterson, The Bridge **Food Pantry**
Little Zion Community Outreach **Food Pantry**
Mickey Mouse Head Start **Summer Feeding**
Mickey Mouse Head Start **School Pantry**
Sager Brown **Senior Commodity Box**
St. Jules **Senior Commodity Box**
St. Mary Community Action Agency **Senior Commodity Box**
The Purple Lemon **Food Pantry**
Wanda Hilliard **Food Pantry**

TERREBONNE PARISH

Assisi Bridge House **Meal Program**
Bayou Baptist Detour Disciples/Little Caillou **Mobile Pantry**
Beacon Light Baptist Church of Houma **Food Pantry**
Concerned Citizens of Gibson **Food Pantry**
Coteau Baptist Church **Mobile Pantry**
Dulac Community Center **Senior Commodity Box**
Dularge Summer Camp **Kids Summer Feeding**
East Park Recreation Center **Senior Commodity Box**
Firm Foundation of Houma Day **Shelter**
Grand Caillou Middle School aka Beautiful Zion Chu **Mobile Pantry**
Grand Caillou Baptist Church **Mobile Pantry**
Leonard Chabert Ochsner Hospital **Summer Feeding**
Live Oak Baptist Church **Mobile Pantry**
Living Word Church of Houma **Food Pantry**
Montegut Gym **Senior Commodity Box**
Plymouth Rock Baptist Church **Food Pantry**
PTR Ministry **Food Pantry**
St. Eloi Catholic Church **Food Pantry**
TCU (Terrebonne Churches United) Food Bank **Food Pantry**
Terrebonne Council on Aging **Senior Commodity Box**
Terrebonne Parish Library - Chauvin Branch **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Library - Dulac Branch **Kids Café**
Terrebonne Library - Bayou Dularge Branch **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Library - East Houma **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Disaster Recovery Center - (gov) **Food Pantry**
Terrebonne Library - Grand Calliou Kids **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Library - Gibson **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Library Main Branch Kids **Summer Feeding**
Terrebonne Parish Library - North Branch **Summer Feeding**

GRAND ISLE

Town of Grand Isle Mobile **Food Pantry**

FEEDING THE BAYOU REGION



Second Harvest acquires food through 400+ food sources:

*WHOLESALERS | RETAILERS | MANUFACTURERS
BROKERS/SHIPPERS | GROWERS/FARMERS/FISHERS*



Food is then sorted, stored, packed, and prepared at our Bayou Distribution Center.



Food and meals are then redistributed to our community partners in the Bayou.

32 Food Pantries

18 Kids Feeding Programs

12 Senior Programs

1 Shelter



These partners distribute food and meals locally to children, seniors, and families in need.

PARTNERSHIPS TO FIGHT HUNGER



“There was so much need in our community, and I needed to help them.”

**-Tricha Gross
Catholic Community Center**

Born and raised in Galliano, Tricha volunteered as a child at the Catholic Community Center after school to help her grandmother and aunt, who both worked there. Today, she is the lone employee, managing both the food pantry and thrift store with the help of volunteers. You could say she was raised to do this job. One only needs to look to what happened after Hurricane Ida to see why.

Ida passed almost directly over Galliano, severely damaging or destroying nearly every structure town. Tricha returned to find that her house was spared but the roof of the Community Center had been peeled off and everything inside the 6,500 square foot facility was destroyed.

Tricha was undaunted. “There was so much need in our community, and I needed to help them.” In short order she found three vacant store fronts that could be used for a food pantry and thrift store, and a large parking lot for drive-through distributions.

Her first call was to Second Harvest Food Bank, which assisted her with regular distributions of boxes of food and cleaning supplies in the days following the storm. Tricha worked from 6AM to 9PM seven days a week for four months following the storm. Through it all, her servant’s heart kept her going. Thankfully, things have since settled down, but Tricha is still grateful for the support that Second Harvest Food Bank gave her during the storm and continues to provide every week. “We would not be able to make it without Second Harvest.”

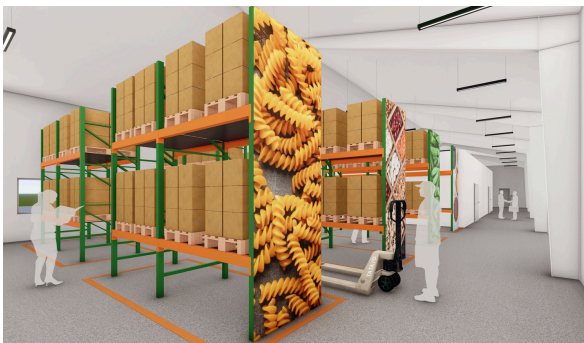
THE BAYOU DISTRIBUTION CENTER

at a glance



The 10,000 square foot warehouse enable Second Harvest to **store up to 380 pallets of dry goods.**

The 4,500-square-foot community kitchen have the capacity to produce **3,500 meals a day for children, seniors and in response to disasters.**



YOUR SUPPORT WILL

Maximize the Impact of the Bayou Distribution Center



With on-site storage, a community kitchen, and transportation fleet, the Bayou Distribution Center enables us to make multiple daily deliveries, and offers a place where local grocers can quickly donate surplus food and local fishers and farmers can sell directly to Second Harvest.

The Growing Need

As the cost of living continue to rise, more and more Bayou neighbors are turning to Second Harvest for support. At the same time, we are facing:

- **Increased Demand**
- **Higher Operating Costs**
- **Limited food Supply**

Second Harvest opened the Bayou Distribution Center to meet the growing need by strengthening food access and disaster response across the Bayou region. Sustaining this work will require continued community support. *The data below shows how you can help us meet the needs of the Bayou.*

Food Distributed

- **5.3 million pounds of food** sourced and distributed annually

This is enough to meet baseline meal needs—but not enough to grow with rising demand.

The Funding Gap

- **\$5.9M** in annual operating costs
- **\$5.4M** in revenue *raised*
- **\$500,000** *shortfall* impacting daily operations and long-term stability

What This Means?

Even while meeting current distribution goals, Second Harvest is operating at a \$500K deficit, limiting our ability to fully meet growing need, respond to rising need, and strengthen the regional food safety net.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



DONOR WALL BENEFACTOR LEVELS

Make a lasting tribute by becoming a Benefactor of the **Bayou Distribution Center**. **As a Benefactor, you will make a positive impact by fighting food insecurity and hunger.** Your name will be prominently displayed on the donor wall in the lobby.

Founder	\$50,000 and ↑
Champion	\$25,000
Sustainer	\$10,000
Guardian	\$5,000
Supporter	\$2,500

Help Create a Brighter Future

Naming Rights to Distribution Center

\$1,000,000

Exterior Recognition

The most impactful and visible gift of the campaign – a true legacy gift. The building will be named as designated by the donor.

Operations Center and Inventory Control Center

\$250,000

Interior Recognition

The Operations Center and Inventory Control Center will track millions of pounds of product annually, including food donated by retailers, manufacturers, food services companies, farmers, USDA commodities and food purchased by Second Harvest Food Bank.

Fresh and Perishable Food Storage

\$50,000

Interior Recognition

A custom cooler is being constructed to increase the food bank's capacity to handle the essentials of a healthy diet – fresh produce, dairy and other perishable food items.

Frozen Food Storage

\$50,000

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A custom freezer is being constructed to increase the capacity to store frozen foods and meals efficiently.

Huddle Room

\$35,000

Interior Recognition

The Huddle Room is a dedicated space for staff members to come together, collaborate, and strategize. Equipped with modern technology and comfortable seating, it fosters effective communication and teamwork to better serve the community in need.

Loading Docks (2)

\$25,000

Exterior Recognition

This opportunity provides the donor to name one of the loading docks. Loading docks are essential access points for all inbound and outbound food deliveries.

Citrus Planters (3)

\$10,000

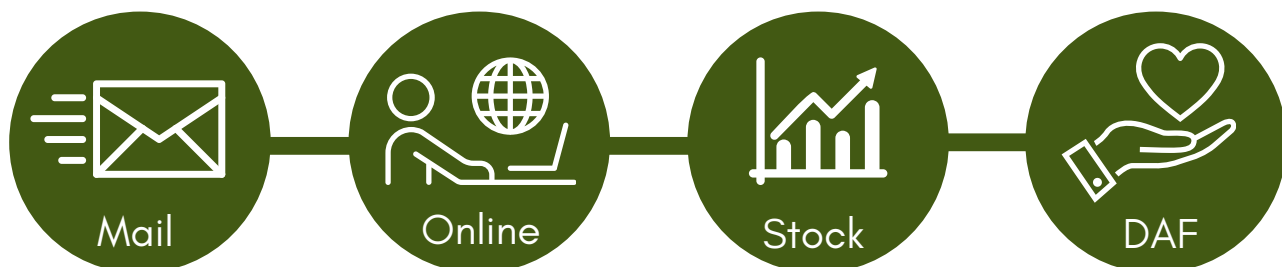
Interior and Exterior Recognition

The Citrus Planters serve a dual purpose of beautifying the landscape and providing a sustainable source of fresh produce. These planters are strategically placed throughout the premises, ensuring a seasonal supply of nutritious citrus fruits for the food bank's programs and initiatives.

Make a Difference Today

Second Harvest is dedicated to making giving easy and impactful, providing multiple options to assist you in your charitable giving. **With Second Harvest, you can make a difference in the lives of those in need effortlessly.**

WAYS TO GIVE



You can also support Second Harvest through the Bayou Funds at Bayou Community Foundation and the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana



BAYOU COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

www.BayouCF.org/SHBayou



CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

<https://qrco.de/cfslsecondharvestfund>

Contact Kristen Riegel today to learn more on how you can help our neighbors build a better future for themselves, their families and our community.

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 Second Harvest Bayou Region

 Checks Made Payable to
Second Harvest Food Bank
Memo: Bayou Campaign

 504-733-8336

 221 S Hollywood Rd, Houma, La 70360

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Every naming opportunity is tied to a critical function in the effort to end *hunger*.



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