You’re giving hope to our NEIGHBORS IN NEED
Thank You for Helping our Neighbors in Need

We have seen more than our fair share of disasters in South Louisiana, and over the last two decades, Second Harvest has become one of the top disaster response organizations in our region. From hurricanes to tornadoes, from flooding to oil spills, our staff and volunteers prepare year-round to help our neighbors during disasters and other emergencies. And we couldn't have done it without the support of donors like you.

Recently, we witnessed an unusual type of emergency: thousands of our neighbors were out of work due to the shutdown of the federal government. And once again, you helped Second Harvest assist families impacted by an unexpected scenario that suddenly took away their livelihoods.

Many full-time government employees, people who had never sought the services of a food pantry, suddenly found themselves without a paycheck and with no idea of when they would go back to work. Members of the Coast Guard, TSA, USDA, and other vital agencies continued their work without pay.

So many families are just one paycheck away from a financial emergency. One federal employee told us, “I never dreamed our family would have to ask for help with food. We’re usually the ones volunteering at the food bank, not the other way around.”

Near the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, Second Harvest provided more than 15,000 meals to workers and contractors impacted by the shutdown. We also delivered thousands of meals to other community partners working with residents feeling the pinch of the shutdown. We were able to immediately respond and help these federal workers only thanks to the support of donors like you. Thank you for helping Second Harvest feed our neighbors in need, both during disasters and year-round.

Sincerely,

Natalie Jayroe
President and CEO

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 help 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 us in your estate plans, please let us know so we can thank you and include you in our legacy society, “Tomorrow’s Harvest.”

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You’re Keeping Mobile Pantries on the Road

Thanks to your support, Second Harvest provides food to hundreds of local community partners like food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, and shelters across South Louisiana.

But for the many communities that don’t have access to a traditional food pantry, and often not even a grocery store, making ends meet can be a challenge.

That’s where Second Harvest Mobile Pantries make such a big difference. Six days a week, our staff and volunteers deliver these giant truckloads of fresh food into neighborhoods most in need of help.

Eight-year-old Eviance comes with her family to the mobile pantry at the campus of a New Orleans middle school once a month. “The food is always so good. I really like it when they have bananas.”

Our mobile pantries are open to the public, and serve people of all ages. Seventy-five-year-old Elizabeth Walker also gets help at the same mobile pantry. “I’m 75, and this is a real blessing. My husband is gone, and I only have social security. I retired from home health care ten years ago with lupus, and I hate to ask my children for help with bills.”

These mobile pantries come loaded with fresh produce and non-perishable food items, traveling to dozens of locations across 23 parishes. While they fill a vital need, the cost of operating mobile pantries is considerable.

“In all, our mobile pantries bring more than two million meals to those most in need in our communities,” says Second Harvest Chief Impact Officer Melanie McGuire. “We absolutely could not afford to run this program without our generous donors.”

You’re Helping Hungry College Students Make The Grade

Hunger on college campuses is a hidden issue that Second Harvest is working hard to address. Many students struggle to afford groceries, whether they’re relying on a work-study job or facing unexpected expenses.

Thanks to the support of people like you, many local college students can focus on their studies, and not have to make the difficult choice between food and rent, childcare, or tuition.

Delgado Community College has grown a closet-sized food pantry into a full-service student center. Single Stop Director Gilda Ebanks says it all started in 2015 when she noticed many students were facing hunger, but didn’t know how to go about getting help.

“We reached out to Second Harvest, and they came out right away to help assess how best to help,” Ebanks said. “Within a couple of weeks, we had a fully-stocked pantry, full of food donated to Second Harvest.”

The University of Louisiana-Lafayette recently opened a similar pantry. The ULL Campus Cupboard, supported by your donations to Second Harvest, serves students needing short-term help with groceries.

Dr. Pearson Cross, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at ULL, says the pantry is designed to quickly get help to students in need. “At the outset, we hope to provide five or six items per person that will make it easier for them to get through a day or two,” Cross said. “We’ll then refer them to a larger pantry such as Second Harvest.”

After their initial pantry launch at Delgado, Ebanks says she was astounded at the problem of hunger on their campus. “I was really blown away. We worked nonstop open to close.”

This small pantry became the cornerstone of a much larger student service center named “One Stop.” Now, students can get not only food, but assistance with legal services, utility bills, mental health support, and financial literacy and counseling.

“The really beautiful thing is that many students who got short-term food assistance from us later hold their own food drives, and volunteer in our center. And it all started with a phone call to Second Harvest. We could not have done this without them.”
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