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SPRING 2015



Salvation Army Summer Feeding



"The Shed" Summer Feeding

Gearing Up For Summer Feeding

139,847 children are enrolled in school across our 21 county service area.

89,405 of those children are eligible for free/reduced lunch during the school year.

Second Harvest will provide over 6,400 meals a day, June 1 - July 31, through our Summer Feeding program.



Save
the
Date

Jewels & Jeans

Thursday, April 23

Lili's Wine Dinner

Monday, May 4

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Saturday, May 9

Kids Cafe, a nationally recognized program designed to feed children at-risk for hunger who lack access to an evening meal at home, originated in Savannah twenty-five years ago. Kids Cafe is now the second largest childhood hunger initiative in the United States.

April and May bring warmer weather and longer days plus final exams and the end of the school year. Children should be excited for summer vacation but that is not typically the case for those who suffer with food insecurity. This happy, carefree time actually becomes one of stress for parents and increased hunger for children. School is closed and free or reduced price meals are not available for several months. In response to this dramatic seasonal increase in hungry children, Second Harvest piloted a new program in 2009 called Summer Feeding. Our goal was to transition Kids Cafe during the school year to Summer Feeding during the summer to keep the children fed.

This summer, Second Harvest will be preparing and delivering breakfast and lunch to 60 locations across ten of the 21 counties that are in our service area. In collaboration with non-profits, churches, summer camps and summer school locations, we will be providing breakfast and lunch to the children enrolled for the summer.

\$4,000= cost to run a Summer Feeding location with 50 children for the summer.

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

Spring is in the air, and it is busy at Second Harvest as we transition from Kids Cafe to our Summer Feeding program. More than 67% of children living in coastal Georgia qualify for subsidized meals at school, and the summer months are a struggle for their families to make ends meet. The need for food assistance increases dramatically due to school lunches not being available to many children.

Last summer, we helped with more than 78,550 meals to children during June and July. We were able to provide these meals because of your generosity and others in our community that can't imagine a child going to bed hungry.

Our community's compassion inspires and encourages us every day. Your kindness restores hope to the hungry and makes it possible for us to stretch each dollar into five nutritious meals. We invite you to tour the food bank to see how your partnership provides more than 8.4 million meals each year. You will be impressed with what your support accomplishes and you'll learn why we call Second Harvest *Your Community Food Bank*.

With my sincere appreciation,



Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director



Under Secretary Doms, Mary Jane Crouch and Bill Hubbard, Savannah Chamber of Commerce

Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Dr. Mark E. Doms paid a visit to the food bank last month as he toured Coastal Georgia with Reverend Thurmond Tillman of the First African Baptist Church to announce the 2015 Census Test.

Dr. Doms and Reverend Tillman packed emergency food boxes with members of our board and the Chamber of Commerce. Census information was included in each box of food. Mary Jane Crouch gave the gentlemen a tour of the warehouse and Grace's Kitchen before they headed off to the Georgia Ports.

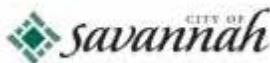


Under Secretary Doms, Reverend Tillman and Mary Jane Crouch touring the warehouse



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Join These Hunger Heroes and Take Action Against **Hunger**



YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways to get involved with the food bank. Volunteering in the warehouse, sponsoring a food drive, or making a financial contribution, are just a few of the opportunities that allow you to become part of the effort to end hunger in our community.

VOLUNTEER

Second Harvest could not operate without your support. Opportunities include food sorting, stocking shelves, packing brown bags for the elderly and emergency food boxes, special events, and administrative duties. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Becky Willman at bwillman@helpendhunger.org or 912.721.1783.



Winthrop University Alternative Spring Break Group from Rock Hill, South Carolina chose Second Harvest as the place they wanted to spend their Spring Break volunteering. Wow, that's awesome! They helped us pack boxes of food that went out on our Mobile Food Pantry delivery to the more rural areas that we serve .

HOST A FOOD DRIVE

Help the food bank by collecting food for your community and neighbors in need. Encourage your friends, family, church, school, company, business, or social club to get involved and participate. Ask friends to donate canned goods or money in lieu of gifts at your next party. Contact our Marketing Manager, Stephania Brown at sbrown@helpendhunger.com or call 912.721.1796.

Utilizing food and education to improve lives and create a hunger-free community.

WE NEED YOU TO DONATE - May 9th

The Letter Carriers' Food Drive is the largest single day food drive in the country. Grab a grocery bag, fill it with canned goods and get it to your mailbox before your mail is delivered on Saturday, May 9th. Your letter carrier will take it from there!

This food drive is a true blessing to the food bank as our shelves are running empty after the holidays and people still need to be fed.



CHILDREN HOST A PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

Students of the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools of Savannah Country Day School hosted a peanut butter drive and gathered up 360lbs of peanut butter before they headed off for their Spring Break.



Alston McCaslin, SCDS 6th Grader collecting peanut butter

Thank You for your time and dedication to helping the food bank feed those less fortunate!

Southeast Branch Close-Up Agent for Change Badge



Kalista Morton, Brunswick Community Support Coordinator visited the Marshes of Glynn Girl Scout Junior Troop 30065 for their Take Action Project to earn their "Agent of Change" journey badge. They planned a meal with non-perishable items that could be found at the food bank and donated those items with an accompanying recipe. The meals donated weighed in at over 190lbs for those in need in Glynn county.

Queen Anne's Revenge

For the past several years Joe and Nancy King Rowan have hosted the Queen Anne's Revenge Party on Jekyll Island. They transform their entire house into a pirate ship and invite friends to bring canned goods or "booty" to support Second Harvest. This year's party was held on Feb 14 and 294 lbs of food was delivered to Second Harvest. Many thanks to the Rowans and our caring



community for reaching out to help those in need by supporting Second Harvest.

Fun Ways to Support Second Harvest

Anytime in April - Bring a canned good to Splash Auto Spa at 2206 Demere Rd, St. Simons Island and receive 10% off a service of your choice.

May 9th, 10:15am - Community Zumba Party and Food Drive at St. Simons Health & Fitness Club. Bring your canned goods & Enjoy the party!

Second Harvest Supper Club - Marshside Grill



Shanon Beeman and Moon Warwick from Marshside Grill, Brunswick presented Second Harvest with a \$400 donation after

hosting the Second Harvest Supper Club on February 18th. Each month a local establishment donates a percentage of their sales from the evening to the food bank.

Wesley United Methodist Youth Group



Front: Samantha Taylor (Associate Youth Director), Hannah Colvin, Maizy Davenport, Reese Waller, Maegan McKenzie, Ashley Meader.
Back Row: Matthew Torbert, Bennet Delaney, David Herndon (Youth Director), Roman Tyre, Austry Gregg, Jacob Torbert

Wesley United Methodist Youth Group volunteers at Second Harvest and helps to keep the shelves stocked each month. We are very thankful for their continuous contribution to the food bank.

St. Mark's "hello Goodbuy"

Inspired to help the local community, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Brunswick opened their Thrift Store, hello Goodbuy. On March 14th, chairman of the hello Goodbuy Board of Directors, Kay Curry, distributed \$28,975 in grants to local 501c3 organizations. Second Harvest received \$4,000 for Kids Cafe Summer Feeding and Back Pack Buddies programs.



Words of Wisdom from a Wise Great Grandfather

Dear Great Grandson Brantley:

You are off to a good start; you have been born into a loving family. Your parents come from good stock. They are well educated, intelligent and industrious. You are a lucky young man.

You have been incredibly fortunate to be born a citizen of the United States of America. Please learn its history and come to appreciate the courage, sacrifices and lives it has taken to found and preserve it. Read the Declaration of Independence, an eloquent statement of what our country is all about. The men who signed it did so at great risk to their lives and property.



Three generations of the Williams, Dick with daughter and grandson

The pursuit of happiness is an important right stated in the declaration. How best to do that is the question. My conviction is that the best way is to be charitable and make giving a routine part of your life. Make an effort to help the hungry and other less fortunate people. These people will be present in your community and worldwide. I have lived to 100 years and observed numerous individuals over a long time and I believe generosity tends to pay off in a high level of happiness. Whereas lives lacking in generosity, giving priority to the accumulation of things, often end in misery.

I hope that you will have a wonderful life, full of love of others, generosity to the hungry and other less fortunate, and the satisfaction of a life well lived.

These thoughts and well wishes are from your Great Grandfather Richard L. Williams who is in his 100th year of living and has seen a lot of life, some bad and much good.



Celebrating his 100th Birthday, Dick Williams with two of his granddaughters

A Lifetime of Struggles Leads to Success with a Little Help from a Community Food Pantry

We met Michelle Weber when she came to Second Harvest to volunteer. We didn't know her story until she mentioned how grateful she was to have access to a food pantry as a child growing up in Savannah. As we got to know one another her story is one of overcoming incredible challenges throughout her childhood.

Michelle is a successful entrepreneur and founder of Southern Curves premium infused vodka as well as a proud wife and mother that lives by the credo to "pay it forward". As Michelle tells us she is no movie star, never wrote a book and worked hard all her life to get where she is today.

Embarrassed to tell her story for many years, Michelle came from a broken and abusive family that left her homeless at the young age of 15. A key strength in her life came from her mother who instilled in her a can do spirit no matter how difficult the circumstances. Michelle is thankful for her loving and supportive husband and her two children, a successful EMT/Fireman son and a daughter that is now in college.

Michelle strives to empower women to know that there are services in Savannah that will provide a safe place and the necessity of food to help raise a family during trying times in their lives. She says it's hard to grow up hungry and Second Harvest provides the means for families to take a major hardship out of their lives so they can focus on becoming who they were meant to be.



Michelle and her husband, Tony Weber volunteered at the food bank last month for our "Pack & Play" with Savannah Launch. The Pack & Play event was designed to pack over 225 emergency food boxes and familiarize new faces with the food bank and our programs.

Southern Curves premium infused vodka was named in part to remind us of the curves in the road of life that we all encounter.



Dick Williams and Michelle Weber are just two of the many food bank supporters that live by the motto of "Pay it Forward" by being a "Grateful Giver".



JEWELS & JEANS

Thursday, April 23, 2015 7-10pm

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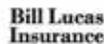
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Lili's Wine Dinner Benefitting Summer Feeding - Monday, May 4th



Don't miss a very special dinner at Lili's on Wilmington Island. Chef Mir Ali, former chef at Il Pasticcio, George's, and North Beach Bar & Grill invites you to experience his new restaurant for a four course, wine paired dinner to raise funds for summer feeding. Chef Ali is so excited to be a part of the Savannah restaurant scene and to feed his passion of giving back to the community by helping hungry children. Tickets are \$100 per person and limited to forty seats. To purchase tickets, call 912.235.2664.

6:30pm Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

Tuna Tartare on sesame crackers, potato & green pea samosas, grilled vegetable tartlets.

7:00pm promptly seated for dinner with wine paired by Prime Wines

First course: Duck spring roll with mini lobster salad.
Second course: Tempura green tomatoes, curried blue crab martini, mango chutney.

Third course: Pistachio crusted halibut or beef tenderloin

Fourth course: Dessert by **Flirt** and dessert coffee from **Friendship Coffee**



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