

food *for* thought

WINTER 2015



1989 -
2014

Kids Cafe Celebrates 25 Years

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

89,405 of those children are eligible for free/reduced lunch.

Second Harvest provides over 3,800 meals each day through 49 Kids Cafe Sites,
a total of 595,927 hot meals distributed for the year.

Kids Cafe is a nationally recognized program designed to feed children at-risk for hunger who do not have access to an evening meal at home. Kids Cafe originated in Savannah twenty-five years ago and is now the second largest childhood hunger initiative in the United States which has grown to 2,426 sites feeding 154,910 children in 46 states.

Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia works in collaboration with other non-profits and faith-based organizations to provide hot, nutritious evening meals in addition to tutoring, mentoring, supervision and enrichment activities at forty-nine Kids Cafe locations. The Kids Cafe program is proven to increase participants' likelihood to stay in school until graduation. Additionally, children nourished with nutritious evening meals are strengthened and fortified to participate in both physical and academic activities.

\$340 - cost to feed a child for the school year. \$5,000 - cost to run a Kids Cafe site for the school year.



Restaurant Week Kickoff

Thursday, January 22

Tour d'Epicure

Sunday, February 22

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From the Executive Director's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Now that the holiday season is over, we reflect on 2014 and recognize our accomplishments yet we still see the work that needs to be done. First and foremost, we want to thank each of you for helping make our efforts possible. There are a number of organizations that seek your time, talents and treasures; thank you for sharing with Second Harvest.

This year was especially important as we celebrated 25 years of Kids Cafe being started in Savannah, GA. It all started when two small boys were found searching for food in a local community center, and has grown to be the second largest childhood hunger initiative in the United States!

As 2015 starts, we are hoping you will join us to volunteer. Each week, we pack and deliver more than 1,500 boxes of food to families with children and seniors. Our goal is to have groups that will come in each week to spend a few hours packing the boxes. It is a great opportunity to spend time with friends, get some exercise and give back to your community. Please call us if you have a group that would be interested. We would be happy to schedule a visit and volunteer opportunity.



Kroger employees volunteer to pack emergency food boxes for Mobile Food Pantry delivery to rural areas.

As we look to the future, we will continue to work toward providing food and education to those in need. We hope that you will join us and Be a Part of the Solution in Helping End Hunger.

With sincere appreciation,

Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director



AutoTrader.com employees spent a day volunteering at the food bank packing emergency food boxes.



Calvary Community Service Club learn about the food bank and stock shelves with their donations.

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Chefs' Table

2014 marked the twenty-second year of Chefs' Table benefitting the food bank's Kids Cafe program: our nationally recognized initiative to relieve childhood hunger. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our presenting sponsor, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Andrews, Jr., as well as the event sponsors and participating chefs for continuing to make this event hugely popular and so very successful.

Event Sponsors - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Andrews, Paula Deen Enterprises, AT&T, Ms. Inge Brasseler, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bocard, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dobransky, Gaviion, Gulfstream, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Harlander, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Larsen, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Page, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rabinowitz and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ruddy



Barbara Ruddy, Board Member, Kathleen Harlander, Board Member & Event Chair and Dianne Franz, Development Director, Second Harvest

Kids Cafe provides a hot evening meal, tutoring, and mentoring for more than 3,800 children each day during the school year. Since 1992, local chefs have been donating their time and expertise to make Chefs' Table a culinary delight as well as the leading fundraiser for Kids Cafe. Chefs' Table sold out with over 300 guests and made over \$59,000 on the live culinary auction alone. Our participating chefs offered their services in their own uniquely tailored style. Without these fine men and women of the Savannah culinary world, our event could not even be imaginable.



Chefs Bill Baker & Dusty Grove



Chef Nick Mueller

Featured Chefs - Bill Baker & Dusty Grove, Pacci; Vincent Burns, The Olde Pink House; Simone Concas, Wilmington Island Club; Paul Ganem, Johnnie Ganem's Package Shop; David Gordon, Hyatt Regency Savannah; Gerald Green, Garibaldi's; Roberto Leoci, Leoci's Trattoria; Nick & Tracy Mueller, Chef Nick Mueller & Co.; Ted Paskevich, Joe's Homemade Cafe; Debbie Reid, Savor Savannah; Matthew Roher & Kevin Case, The Landings Clubs, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Savannah Yacht Club.



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Alissa Crankshaw, Regional Community Involvement Specialist, BI-LO Holdings, Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director, Second Harvest and Miranda Major, Public Relations Field Account Manager, St. John & Partners

One hundred twelve golfers enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at The Savannah Golf Club for our 8th Annual Golf for Birdies. This year's tournament was chaired by one of our Board members, Andy Lynch of Lynch Associates Architects. Proceeds were used to purchase over 4,200 turkeys for families in need. So many were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner because of the golfers and our sponsors' tremendous generosity. Also, thanks go to The Savannah Golf Club for their hospitality and the expertise of their golf pros, Toby Browne and Josh Williams for their talent, enthusiasm and patience.



Mary Jane Crouch, America's Second Harvest, Brian Shillinglaw, BI-LO District Director and Jeff Jernigan, Harveys District Director

Not only did BI-LO and Harveys Supermarkets join us as a new title sponsor for Golf for Birdies but they also surprised us with a check presentation for a \$20,000 grant that will be used for our Mobile Food Pantry program and specifically for our childhood hunger initiatives in rural areas.

Southeast Branch Close-Up

A Holiday Bakers' Dozen



A big thank you to the St. Simon's Bakers for creating dozens and dozens of beautiful, delicious, and festively packaged holiday treats for the Third Annual Bakers Sale. Dave Snyder made it all possible by hosting the event at his restaurant, Halyards. Over \$3,000 was raised for the Brunswick Branch of America's Second Harvest.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE HOLIDAY BAKERS!

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| MICHELE BEVERIDGE | MARY GRIFFITHS | DANA PARKER |
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Jamie Kendall, Mary Jane Crouch, Dianne Franz, George Jackson, Manager, Halyards, Stephania Brown, Alison Mahoney and Kalista Morton

Thank You for Your Support

Bank of America, Belk, Brunswick Woman's Club, Chico's, Daughters of the American Revolution, Glynn County Water and Sewer Department, Gulfstream, Jekyll Island Ladies Golf Association, Rich's, St. Simons Newcomers Club, Sea Island Ladies Golf Association, The Yellow Canary and all those who support our mission to help end hunger.



New Partnership

The Adam & Jenny Wainwright Family Foundation chose America's Second Harvest as one of fifty organizations in the Golden Isles to participate in their Team 5-0 fundraising program. Second Harvest was given 100 tickets to sell for the Wainwright Benefit Concert that was held on Dec 13th featuring Dierks Bentley, Thomas Rhett and several other local bands. Kalista Morton successfully sold our share of the tickets and Second Harvest received a foundation contribution for \$1,920 in support of our work at the Brunswick branch.

Pirates of the Spanish Main



On December 18th, the Pirates of the Spanish Main spread Christmas cheer by singing carols to patrons at 14 restaurants on St. Simons Island. Adorned in Santa hats, the girls loaded up on a trolley that was graciously donated by Colonial Trolley Company and traveled the island to spread good cheer. The girls accepted donations and raised over \$1,600 for Second Harvest.

Brunswick Junior Women's Club

A HUGE thank you to the Brunswick Junior Women's Club for hosting the Stock the Pantry partnership with Embassy Suites of Brunswick and Hodnett Cooper, of St. Simons Island and Brunswick. 280 pounds of canned goods were collected and donated to America's Second Harvest Brunswick branch.



Let's Can Hunger, One Donation, One Food Drive and One Volunteer Effort at a Time

From donations to food drives, all volunteer efforts come together to make the difference. Our dedicated community is so important to the success of the food bank and our mission to help end hunger through advocacy and education. Please join us in the fight to end hunger.



James Ford unloading 35,500 pounds of watermelons donated by B & W Birch Farms.



Tommy Linstroth and Sustainability donated \$10,000 for an electrical usage study and lighting upgrade to decrease our expenses in the warehouse. Tripp Turner and Mary Jane Crouch received the check for the food bank.



Chef Floyd Jackson and Mary Jane Crouch accepted a check from Dean Peterson of Ikea that was used to purchase new kitchen equipment for Grace's Kitchen.



Benedictine Military School held their annual canned food drive for Second Harvest and generously donated \$1,800 and 8,250 cans.



The City of Savannah pulled through for the third year just in time for the holidays with their Great Savannah Can Drive and 27,918 lbs of food.



Candy Munn of Food Lion presented the food bank with \$1,000 in gift cards to be used with our Childhood Hunger Initiative.



Gulfstream employees donated their time and energy to pack emergency food boxes that go out to rural areas on our Mobile Food Pantry.

Savannah Restaurant Week Kickoff

Thursday, January 22, 2015 - 6:00-8:00pm

America's Second Harvest

2501 East President Street, Savannah

Tickets are \$ 10. To purchase, go to eventbrite.com

What better way to kick off Savannah Restaurant Week than a **Quick Bites** party to benefit America's Second Harvest? More than 20 restaurants will be serving small bites to get you primed for Savannah Restaurant Week and to set the stage for the first year of "rounding up for hunger." Participating restaurants of Restaurant Week will offer a chance for diners to add a donation to their check to benefit Second Harvest. Restaurant Week will run January 23 - February 1, 2015 and is presented by the Savannah Morning News.

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| Alligator Soul | Melting Pot |
| Aqua Star | Olde Pink House |
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| B. Tillman | Rocks on the Roof |
| Belford's | Ruth's Chris |
| Boar's Head | Shrimp Factory |
| 22 Square | Tondee's Tavern |
| Chart House | Tubby's Tankhouse |
| Cohen's Retreat | Vic's on the River |
- (Participants at the time of print)

Mark Your Calendar - Savannah & Brunswick

2015 Volunteer Saturdays

| Month | Packing Date |
|-----------|--------------|
| January | 01/24 |
| February | 02/21 |
| March | 03/21 |
| April | 04/18 |
| May | 05/16 |
| June | 06/20 |
| July | 07/18 |
| August | 08/15 |
| September | 09/19 |
| October | 10/17 |
| November | 11/14 |
| December | 12/12 |



Looking for a volunteer opportunity for your company, church, school group, club or family? Help us make sure that Senior Citizens in OUR COMMUNITY have enough food to last them through the end of each month. Join us on **one** Saturday each month to pack *Brown Bags for the Elderly*. Any group or individuals wishing to volunteer in Savannah, contact Becky Willman at 912.721.1783 or bwillman@helpendhunger.org and for Brunswick Jamane at 912.261.7979 to schedule your visit.

Skidaway Island & The Landings Welcome Publix to the Island



Dwaine Stevens, Media and Community Relations Manager, Publix; Robert Otten, Jr., President, Lat Purser & Associates; Curtis Lewis, Wistar Lewis, Mary Jane Crouch, Executive Director, Second Harvest and Chris Scales, Store Manager, Publix

Dwaine Stevens, Media and Community Relations Manager Jacksonville Division, Publix Super Markets Inc. was on hand from Florida to present America's Second Harvest with a check for \$25,000 in response to a grant application for our childhood hunger initiative with our Mobile Food Pantry. We are delighted to have Publix open on Skidaway Island where the Landings community is such a strong supporter of the food bank. Across our twenty-one county service area, Second Harvest collects food, that would otherwise be discarded, from nine Publix stores. That's over 300,000 pounds of food that we have rescued and redistributed to those in need.

JEWELS & JEANS

THURSDAY
April 23, 2015
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

BENEFITTING

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

Special Musical Guests: Junkyard Angel | Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Complimentary Full Bar | \$85 Individual Ticket

Purchase Tickets Online www.helpendhunger.org

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