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The Ribbon Has Been Cut: The Volunteer Center is now Open for Helping Hands



On Thursday, April 13th, we cut the ribbon and officially opened the doors of our new Volunteer Center sponsored by The Colonial Group, Inc. Christian Demere, Vice President, Colonial Oil, Inc. and Trip Tollison, President, Savannah Economic Development Association did the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon supported by board members of America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Julie Walker of the J.H. Walker Legacy Foundation and Danah Craft of the GA Food Bank Association.

Just a short walk from our main facility, the Volunteer Center is located at 2651 Causton Bluff Road. Andrew Lynch of LYNCH associates architects spearheaded the design and adaptive reuse of an existing 10,000 square foot warehouse space. The renovation took a year to complete and was a labor of love, aggravation and hard work but we are so excited to have the additional space.

The new Volunteer Center will allow us to increase our capacity for food distribution dramatically. We will also be able to accommodate larger volunteer groups to pack emergency food boxes and have already booked several corporations traveling to Savannah for a convention and looking for a team building experience. In addition to the volunteer space, we have a board room for meetings, orientations and training and will soon debut a "Working Family Pantry" sponsored by Publix Super Markets Charities and a "Teacher's Nook" sponsored by the J.H. Walker Legacy Foundation. Updates will be posted to our website, www.helpendhunger.org when these two new services are operational.

Hunger Action Month
September

Chefs' Table
Tuesday, October 10

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From the Executive Director:

Dear Friends:

Summer brings about thoughts of the beach, pool, camps, trips to the zoo and other fun times. But some children wish they were still in school because their thoughts are about missing out on school breakfast and lunch. For tens of thousands of growing children in coastal Georgia, that means it will be even harder to have full tummies.

Many parents struggle to feed their children during the school year and adding more needed meals in the summer adds to that challenge. The average dual household income for coastal Georgia is \$40,808; now imagine paying rent, utilities, gas, insurance and food. School's out...your salary doesn't change, but now you have to provide more food and childcare. It is truly a challenge for working families.

Our summer feeding program works with community partners to provide breakfast and lunch to help children at risk for hunger. Nutritious meals will ensure children have access to food, and will also provide them enrichment activities such as reading, arts, and fitness programs. When they return to school in the fall, they are ready to learn

and build new skills. Your support helps make summer meals possible. Join us as we make a child's summer more enjoyable.

As you will see in our featured cover story, we recently opened the Colonial Group Volunteer Center. Our new center will make an impact on our work in the community by allowing us to provide one million more pounds of food which is the equivalent of 781,250 meals charting us to complete the year at over fifteen million pounds of food! We can do this by engaging the help of volunteers. Spend some time with us this summer – pack a few boxes, sort some cans, make some new friends and know that you are the face of hope!

Enjoy your summer,



Mary Jane Crouch
Executive Director

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

4,000 Volunteer Hours Completed this Spring

Armstrong State, Auto Nation, CarMax, Diamond Crystal, Ebenezer, Exchange Club, Generation 412, GHX, Grace Community Church, Gulfstream, Haven Helping Hands, The Home Depot, International Academic Group, Junior League, The Landings New Neighbors, The Landings PEO, May Howard Elementary School, Memorial Health, Moultrie Mission, National Distributing Company, Old Navy, Priceline, Publix, Savannah Jaycees, Sigma Chi, Skidaway Island Rotary, St. Andrews, St. Francis, South State Bank, Target, Thomas and Hutton and Winthrop University.

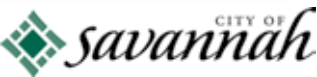
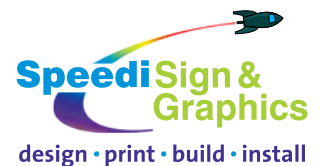


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- B&W Burch Farms - Screvin**
Green Cabbage - 17,013 lbs.
- Kenny Bennett; L & M Farms - Moultrie**
Rutabagas - 15,000 lbs.

What is Gleaning?

One major area of food waste in America is in farmers' fields, where crops that don't meet top-grade quality are left to rot or be plowed under. Gleaning is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, after the harvest. The Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to salvage this food for the needy.

Gleaners are people of all ages and income levels who want to give of themselves. Usually within 48 hours of picking the produce, hungry Americans receive the gleaned food. Each year, 35,000-40,000 people glean with the Society of St. Andrew – to pick up over 20 million pounds of fresh, nutritious food for their hungry neighbors.

The Society of St. Andrew operates a volunteer-driven Gleaning Network in Georgia that includes volunteers who save fresh produce every year and use it to feed hungry people all across the state. We are so thankful for this organization and to our state coordinator, Sandi Newman who enables Second Harvest to benefit by receiving gleaned produce donations.



Additionally, our Food Procurement Coordinator has established partnerships with several Georgia growers (see list above) for produce donations to Second Harvest. Our agencies, in turn, are able to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to their clients through their own food pantries and congregate feeding programs.

Ready, Set, SUMMER FEEDING

The 2016/2017 school year has become just a memory in your child's life but hunger over the summer is a fast approaching nightmare that many children will face in the next few months. We all believe that summertime brings smiles, warm weather, loads of fun and play time with friends but it also means no lunch and/or breakfast for 24,925 children in Chatham county and 92,492 throughout the twenty-one counties of coastal Georgia.

As you and your children transition from the school year to summer vacation, the Summer Feeding Program Manager and coordinators have been working tirelessly for months to procure, organize, and inspect potential sites for the Summer Feeding program. They have brought on board 55 locations across eight counties that are ready and willing to partner with us to provide breakfast, lunch or dinner to children either enrolled in summer school, attending a summer program or able to visit an open site. Second Harvest prepares and delivers upwards of 6,000 meals a day, Monday through Friday beginning May 30th.

In 2015, the first Live Oak Public Library (LOPL) at Bull Street joined us as an open Summer Feeding location. This summer there are four LOPL locations in Chatham and one in Liberty that have signed on to provide hot meals to children visiting these libraries. LOPL has partnered with Second Harvest to present Summer Reading/Summer Feeding from June 5 - July 28.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) also known as Summer Meals Program or Summer Feeding, provides kids and teens in low-income areas free meals when school is out. Sites must be approved places in the community where children can receive meals in a safe and supervised environment as well as experience fun activities that keep them mentally and physically active while school is out. Summer Feeding also alleviates additional financial stress on the parents since in most cases they will need to find a way to provide two additional meals a day that are typically provided by the child's school.

To find summer feeding locations, visit these sites
www.helpendhunger.org or
www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks

Southeast Branch Close-Up Scout Sunday Food Drive



L-R Back Row: Michael Sullins, Chapman Zantow, Baylor Evans, Sims Harper, Nathaniel Barber, Alastair Campbell, Carson Stroud, Jack Fendig, Jacob Torbert, Scoutmaster Jay Torbert, Jr. Front Row: Sebastian Lund and Brogan Overholser
Boy Scout Troup 248 based out of the St. Simons United Methodist Church donated 840lbs of food to Second Harvest Food Bank. The donations were gathered and collected from scout families and neighbors across St. Simons Island for the Scout Sunday Food Drive.

Junior League Brown Bagging for the Elderly



Xada Baxter, Brooke Eldridge, Geri Mullis, Maghan Barnhill, Jena Butler, Ali Blizzard, Blair Story, GiGi Goble and Tamara Thorn
Golden Isles Chapter of the Junior League of Savannah packed Brown Bags for the Elderly and donated \$1,200 to our Summer Feeding programs.

Flipping Burgers for the Freezer



Jamane Scott, warehouse manager in Brunswick, manned the grill at the Wings Over the Golden Isles Airshow. They raised \$2,400 for the freezer fund thanks to the 60 volunteers that worked the three day show selling concessions.

College of Coastal Georgia



The Brunswick branch of Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia was awarded the Outstanding Community Partner award by the Service Learning Department at the College of Coastal Georgia.

L-R: Jessica Melilli-Hand, Andrea Wallace, Kalista Morton and Cody Cocchi

Big Chill at Halyards



Volunteers Steve Spears and Cindy Martin



Chef Dave Snyder, Ken & Vonny Farrell and Susan Shipman



Welcoming guests were Volunteer, Mary Griffiths with Ricky Perez and George Jackson of Halyards

Four local chefs came together on April 23rd to raise money to rebuild the freezer at our Brunswick branch. Many thanks to Chef Dave Snyder of Halyards for hosting the event, and to Chef Kate Buchanan of Indigo Coastal Shanty, Chef Conner Rankin of Half Shell and Chef Zack Gowen from Georgia Sea Grill.

Everyone had a wonderful evening, enjoyed the delicious food and drink and bid on artwork donated by local artists Ashley Holmes, Georgia Kellogg, Emma Collins, Debbie Craig, Mary Griffiths, and Marilyn Engen. The event raised \$3,700 towards the Freezer Fund goal of \$30,000.

LEGAL FOOD FRENZY



Pat O'Connor, Jennifer Mock, Quentin Marlin and Mary Jane Crouch.

The President of the State Bar of Georgia, Pat O'Connor and President of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, Jennifer Mock launched the 6th Annual Georgia Legal Food Frenzy, a statewide food and fund drive competition among Georgia lawyers and firms.

Quentin L. Marlin, Esq. of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams and past-president of the Board at America's Second Harvest served as the Chair for the Coastal Georgia region of the Legal Food Frenzy. Mr. Marlin stated, "The Legal Food Frenzy is a great campaign to collect much needed funds and food products for our community. It is always great to see the members of the Savannah Bar step up for this worthy cause and competition."

The participating law firms were: Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams LLP, The Eichholz Law Firm, Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C., Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, Legal Divas - Julie Wade, Ligon, Lindberg & Lanier, P.C., Oliver Maner LLP, John B. Manly, P.C., Miles Mediation Savannah Office, Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers, P.C., The Pedigo Law Firm, P.C., Taulbee, Rushing, Snipes, Marsh & Hodgin, LLC, and United States Bankruptcy Court.

Theresa Beaton and Samantha DiPolito of Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, P.C. presented donated food and a check for \$525 to Kalista Morton at our Brunswick branch.



A total of 743 pounds of canned goods and \$6,246 dollars were collected during the 2017 Legal Food Frenzy.



The National Association of Letter Carriers hosted the 25th Annual **Stamp Out Hunger!** Food Drive on Saturday, May 13th. In 2016, the food drive brought in over 78,000 pounds of food for Chatham County and an additional 121,246 pounds for our Coastal Georgia communities.

This year we fell short of breaking that record as Coastal Georgia experienced a day of thunderstorms and heavy rain that surely dampened the quantity of donated canned goods. Chatham County collected 58,704 lbs. while totals for the rest of the coastal Georgia counties are still being reported.

We appreciate all the corporate and individual volunteers that pitched in Saturday evening to unload the mail bins at the food bank. It takes a community!

Chefs' Table
2017

On October 10, 2017 we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Chefs' Table our most successful fundraiser and one of our community's premiere culinary events that supports the nation's second largest child feeding program. Dr. and Mrs. James W. Andrews, Jr. have accepted the role of presenting sponsor for the fourth year and we are once again delighted to have their support.

We have additional sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested in becoming an event or Kids Cafe sponsor, please contact Mary Jane at 912.658.5250. We have ten restaurants and chefs that have made an early commitment. They are:

- The Atlantic & Lauren Teague**
- DeSoto & Dusty Grove**
- Johnnie Ganem's & Paul Ganem**
- Garibaldi & Gerald Green**
- The Gaslight Group**
- Joe's Homemade & Ted Paskevich**
- Mahniffe with Nick & Tracey Mueller**
- The Olde Pink House & Vincent Burns**
- Plantation Club with Sam Brod & Joe Truex**
- Wilmington Island Club & Simone Concas**

Support Second Harvest!



We need your help to put the CHILL back in the Brunswick food bank.

Donate Today to the Freezer Fund!

Visit helpendhunger.org
call Kalista Morton at 912-261-7979
and mail donations to:
134 Indigo Drive
Brunswick, GA 31525




With just one of these



We can fill five of these



\$ 1 equals 5 meals

With every \$1 donated, we can provide 5 meals. Please consider making a donation today so those less fortunate may have a nutritious meal tomorrow.

Thank you to the donors that made our new Colonial Group Volunteer Center a reality. We are so fortunate to have your support!



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