



Innovative Service Awards

In October 2022, City National Bank presented the fifth annual Harvesters Innovative Service Award to six local organizations who were recognized for advancing the client choice model, which allows food recipients the freedom to select items for themselves or their families. Award recipients included Delhi Center, Friendly Center, Giving Children Hope, Orange County First Assembly of God, Someone Cares Soup Kitchen and the Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation.

- Delhi Center serves Orange County in the City of Santa Ana and focuses on advancing self-sufficiency through sustainable programs in health, education, financial stability and community engagement.
- Friendly Center provides a variety of free programs for low-income families and individuals in Orange County through its Community Resource Centers. Utilizing a comprehensive one-stop-shop model, Friendly Center offers services in the areas of stability and skill building.
- Giving Children Hope, a faith-based nonprofit, helps children and families break out of the cycle of need into success and self-sustainability. It partners with more than 65 schools to deliver food to more than 1,100 food-insecure families each week.
- Orange County First Assembly of God was awarded for its focus on helping the Santa Ana neighborhood where the church has been located for over 100 years. The organization provides food for over 2,000 people weekly.
- For 36 years, Someone Cares Soup Kitchen has served 120,000 senior citizens, families, children, and individuals who are mentally and physically challenged or experiencing homelessness. This organization offers daily hot, nutritious meals, as well as a Farmers Market & Community Fair, Neighborhood Family Food Distribution program and Vision Clinic.
- Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation (VACF) is dedicated to preventing cancer, improving patients' quality of life and saving lives through health advocacy, education, research and service in the community. VACF strives to address various social determinants of health and empower patients with the tools for health literacy, access, and self-advocacy.

City National Bank, a longtime partner of Harvesters, presented each of the six awards as part of its commitment to ending food and nutritional insecurity. "We are so pleased to honor organizations who work hard to implement a client-choice model, ensuring that recipients are able to choose the foods they take home for themselves and their families as able," said David Hasenbalg, Senior Managing Director, City National Bank.