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**SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF ORANGE COUNTY WELCOMES WAYNE STICKNEY, P.H.D.,  
AS CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

*Dr. Wayne Stickney joins Second Harvest with diverse background in nonprofit management and organizational leadership*

**IRVINE, Calif. (July 6, 2023)** – Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is pleased to welcome Dr. Wayne Stickney into the role of Chief Development Officer, where his efforts will help Second Harvest continue to address food insecurity through providing dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food for those in need. Prior to joining Second Harvest, Dr. Stickney served as the Vice President of Development at Special Olympics Southern California, where he expanded the organization’s fundraising efforts, cultivated relationships with major donors and implemented strategic initiatives to enhance the visibility and impact of Special Olympics programs throughout Southern California.

Dr. Stickney brings a diverse background in nonprofit management, athletic administration and organizational leadership. In his new role, Dr. Stickney will be responsible for leading Second Harvest’s fundraising and development initiatives.

“We know that now more than ever, nutritious foods are less affordable and accessible. Second Harvest exists to fill this gap for Orange County residents in need and we are able to do this through our incredible staff, partners and volunteers,” said Claudia Bonilla Keller, CEO, Second Harvest. “Dr. Stickney’s past efforts have led to raising \$10 million for a comprehensive campaign and he has secured multiple six- and seven-figure gifts. We are excited about the success he brings to the table and know he will be an impactful part of our organization.”

Dr. Stickney has also served as the Senior Associate Athletic Director of Development at California State University (CSU), Long Beach, where he played a critical part in fundraising for the university’s athletic department, supporting student-athletes and enhancing athletic programs. He also spent time as an Associate Athletic Director of Development at New Mexico State University.

Dr. Stickney holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies and a Master of Science degree in Counseling from CSU Long Beach, as well as a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University.

**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County**

At Second Harvest Food Bank, we envision an Orange County with food and nutritional security for all. In collaboration with our partners, we provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health. Our partner network includes houses of worship, schools, after-school programs, colleges and universities, senior centers, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities, with sites at over 300 locations throughout the county. In fiscal year 2021-2022, we distributed 32.4 million pounds of food to an average of 332,000 neighbors in need each month. Approximately 50,000-60,000 pounds of produce is harvested each week at the 45-acre Harvest Solutions Farm, which is located in Irvine and began in August 2021.