40 years of nourishing Orange County
OUR MISSION
In collaboration with our partners, we provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health.

OUR VISION
An Orange County with food and nutritional security for all.

OUR VALUES
Integrity & Accountability    People First    Compassion    Purpose Driven    Stewardship
Dear friend of the Food Bank, 

We marked the end of a momentous 40th year after commemorating our anniversary on October 24, 2023. While we recognize that food insecurity persists in Orange County, we want to celebrate the enduring spirit of community that has shaped Second Harvest. This spirit is embodied by people like our founders, Dan Harney and Tom Fuentes; our committed staff; dedicated board members and volunteers; the Harvesters and every sponsor and donor who has played a part in our story. It’s not just the milestones, but the countless hands and hearts, that have come together over the decades that we honor now. We fondly remember with gratitude those such as Mark Wetterau, who laid the groundwork for our mission and paved the path we walk today. Please read more about Mark’s legacy on page 13.

We are indebted to Ralphs Grocery Company and Food 4 Less for their generous support in underwriting our 40th year. Further, the overwhelming response to our first-ever one-day giving campaign held to recognize our four decades of serving Orange County—The Great 24-Hour Nutrition Mission—was a testament to the strength and unity of our community.

The past year has been marked with meaningful moments when the community came together (and braved the construction in our area!), including the inaugural Legacy Society Breakfast in January, the heartwarming Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in April and the return of the Partner Gathering in May held in the Distribution Center. In September, coinciding with Hunger Action Month, our second annual Walk to Feed OC was a roaring success that raised $300,645, surpassing our goal. We continue to be excited about our partnership with the OC Food Bank and Abound Food Care in the Orange County Hunger Alliance. Together, we are addressing food insecurity while delving deeper into the root causes of poverty, such as healthcare barriers, educational challenges, job training, racial disparities and the shortage of affordable housing.

Despite this positive momentum, we cannot overlook the stark reality of the growing hunger gap. Recently published USDA statistics are alarming: 12.8% of households in the U.S. were food insecure in 2022, amounting to 17 million households. Shockingly, this encompasses over 13 million children. With pandemic-related benefits ceasing earlier this year and the fact that we are feeding a monthly average of 393,000 people here in Orange County who are food insecure, we realize our battle is far from over.

But where there’s unity, there’s hope. The vigor with which our community comes together, time and time again, is uplifting. As we close out our 40th year, we’re inspired by the past and look forward with determination. Our mission conveys this importance of working together: “In collaboration with our partners, we provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food, creating a foundation for community health.”

Thank you for being the force of hope and action. The legacy of the past 40 years is profound, and with you by our side, we will be able to serve Orange County for as long as we’re needed.

With gratitude and hope for a brighter tomorrow,

Kathy Bronstein
Board Chair

Claudia Bonilla Keller
Chief Executive Officer
By the numbers: FY23

36.3M
POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

393,000
PEOPLE SERVED PER MONTH ON AVERAGE

Food Distributed

**BY TYPE**

- Produce: 30%
- Protein: 21%
- Grains: 12%
- Dairy: 10%
- Produce Grown: 5%
- Processed Veg & Fruit: 5%
- Other Groceries: 17%

**BY SOURCE**

- Donated: 64%
- Government: 18%
- Purchased: 13%
- Grown: 5%
How the food bank works

We supply millions of pounds of food from five primary sources to houses of worship, schools, after-school programs, colleges & universities, senior centers, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities. Only with their help are we able to reach those facing food insecurity by:

- **PURCHASING** nutritious food in bulk
- **ACQUIRING** large volume donations from major food manufacturers and distributors
- **RESCUING FOOD** donations collected from grocery stores
- **RECEIVING ASSISTANCE** from federal and local government
- **GROWING** our own produce at Harvest Solutions Farm

**FOOD SOURCES AND DESTINATIONS**
Partnering in our nutrition mission

Our deepest gratitude goes out to our nearly 300 partners, whose steadfast commitment continues to ensure that every person in Orange County has access to fresh, wholesome food.
Partners at any time from 7/1/2022-6/30/2023

Mission Hospital
MLK Jr Elementary
Native American United Methodist Church
Nelson Elementary
Newport Church
Newson Community Church
NOCE Anaheim College
Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center
North Orange Christian Church
Oak View Elementary
OC First Assembly of God
Orange Coast College
Orange County Educational Arts Academy
Orange County Rescue Mission
Orange Grove Elementary
Orange Senior Center
Orangethorpe Christian Church - Hot Meals Ministry
Orangethorpe United Methodist Church
Orangeview Junior High
Orangewood Foundation
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
Pacific Drive Elementary Pathways of Hope
Patrick Henry Elementary
Paul Revere Elementary
Peter Marshall Elementary
Placentia Family Resource Center
Placentia Senior Center
Ponderosa Elementary
Ponderosa Park
Presidio Senior Apts
The Priority Center
Project Access
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Pyles Elementary
The Raise Foundation
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Recovery Road Inc.
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Romero-Cruz Academy
Roosevelt Elementary
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Saddleback College
Salk Elementary
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Sanctuary World Outreach
Santa Ana College
Santa Ana High
Santiago Canyon College
Sarang Community Church
Schweitzer Elementary
Seasons at La Palma Apts
Serve The People
Seventh-day Adventist Church Anaheim
Seventh-day Adventist Church Fullerton
Share Our Selves (S.O.S.)
Silverado High School
Simmons Elementary
Solara Court Senior Apts
Someone Cares Soup Kitchen
Son Light Christian Center
South County Outreach
Southlands Church
St. Anselm Episcopal Church
St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church
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St. Norbert's Christian Service
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
St. Philip Benizi Church
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
St. Timothy Catholic Church
St. Vincent de Paul Church
Stanton Family Resource Center
Sterling Court Apts
Summer Harvest Food for Kids, Inc.
Sunkist Elementary
Sycamore Junior High
Sycamore Magnet
Teen Challenge of Southern California
Templio Calvario
Topaz Elementary
Tustin Family & Youth Center
Tustin High School
Tustin Senior Center
Tyrol Plaza Apts
UCI Basic Needs Center
Valencia Park Elementary
Valley High School
Vanguard University
Villa Anaheim Apts
Villa Fundamental Intermediate
Village Bible Church
Violette Elementary
Vital Access Care Foundation
Wakeham Elementary
Walter Elementary
Washington Elementary
Washington Middle School
Welcome House
West Anaheim United Methodist Church
West Orange Elementary
Westmont Elementary
Whispering Fountains Senior Apts
Whitten Community Center
Willard Intermediate
Wilson Elementary
Women's 12 Step House
Woodcrest Elementary
YMCA of Orange County
Yorba Linda Community Center
Yorba Linda Food For Families
Youth Center of Orange
Zion Lutheran Church

A friendly partnership

As one of our longest-running partners, Friendly Center—an organization offering wraparound services that elevate families to overcome crisis and barriers of poverty—has helped us distribute food to those in need for nearly 40 years.

“Honestly, I don’t know what we would do without Second Harvest. Because of them, the families who come to Friendly Center receive that benefit [of the food they need]. It wouldn’t happen without Second Harvest,” says Cathy Seelig, President/CEO, Friendly Center, who will be retiring in late 2023.

“When you can alleviate that worry of food in the household, it helps them have a clear mind and be able to focus on other things in their lives and take next steps,” says Cathy Seelig.

At Second Harvest Food Bank, we are proud to support partners like Friendly Center as we continue to nourish communities and empower families.
A beacon in trying times

When life’s unexpected turns hit Elizabeth hard, Second Harvest stepped in, illuminating a path through the darkest moments.

Elizabeth frequents food distributions at Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, a partner within Second Harvest’s valued Partner Network.

“For the last two and a half years, I’ve felt the warmth of their goodness and kindness,” Elizabeth recounts.

After her husband’s devastating cancer diagnosis, financial struggles ensued. However, the consistent support from Second Harvest, together with Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, ensured meals weren’t an added concern.

“We had breakfast, lunch, dinner. All the worries in my head about food just vanished,” she says. Elizabeth particularly praises Second Harvest’s focus on health:

“Every item, from oatmeal to milk, is healthy. They truly understand our needs.”

The bond with Second Harvest goes beyond just food; it’s a relationship of trust and gratitude. “It’s hard to believe we’ve come this far, but it’s thanks to organizations like this,” says Elizabeth.

Elizabeth and her husband are depicted on the mural at our Distribution Center.
“Second Harvest is not just about food. It’s about hope, generosity, and daily survival. God bless this organization.”

Watch her story at feedoc.org/elizabeth or use this code as a shortcut. Hover your cell phone camera over this image to view the video.
Our work fighting food insecurity is not done

Feeding America is a nationwide network of 200 food banks of which Second Harvest is a member. The organization released the latest statistics on food insecurity in America, and these staggering numbers prove our work at Second Harvest continues to be critical for the health and well-being of everyone in Orange County.

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Source: https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/overall/california/county/orange

The force for a food-secure OC

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County stands at the forefront of ensuring food and nutritional security for all. At our heart lies a mission that, while grand in scope, is simple in essence: to provide everyone in Orange County with consistent access to nutritious food. This mission, fueled by values of integrity, accountability and compassion, forms the foundation of community health in Orange County.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of this mission. Their hands plant seeds, weed and harvest at Harvest Solutions Farm and their efforts in the Distribution Center ensure that fresh, nutritious food is available to those who need it. In a world of uncertainties, the dedication of these individuals provides hope and stability. In FY23 alone, the collective hours of service reached an astounding 70,353. Behind this number are 18,204 unique adults and children who visited 28,025 times, each leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of our community.

Harvest Solutions Farm is more than just a plot of land; it’s an embodiment of innovation. Located in close proximity to the Food Bank, the Farm is a partnership created by Second Harvest, Solutions for Urban Agriculture and the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center (SCREC). This partnership mitigates challenges like supply chain disruptions, ensuring that fresh produce reaches those in need swiftly. With approximately 170 volunteers flocking to its fields weekly, the Farm has produced over 4.7 million pounds of fresh produce. From the delightful watermelon of summer to the hearty cabbages of winter, every harvest touches thousands of lives.

Volunteer at Harvest Solutions Farm (and coming soon at Founders Farm) and immerse yourself in activities that span planting, weeding and harvesting. It’s a chance to reconnect with the earth and understand the origins of our food. Open to those aged 7+, the Farm offers shifts designed to fit diverse schedules.

Or consider giving your time at our Distribution Center, which stands as a...
Food insecurity rates in Orange County are highest in communities of color - 15% of Blacks are food insecure and 11% of Latinos, versus 5% of Whites. The largest number of food-insecure individuals are in the Latino population (119,000 people).
Financial efficiency
FISCAL YEAR 2023

Financials presented are pre final audit. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the value of donated food and professional services is treated as in-kind revenue and in-kind expense. In FY2023, Program Services included in-kind expense totaling $69,349,215.
Remembering Mark Wetterau (1958–2023)
SHFB BOARD MEMBER (2005–2012) & CHAIRMAN AND CEO, GOLDEN STATE FOODS

In his professional life and at Second Harvest Food Bank, Mark lived out Golden State Foods’ Creed & Values which focus on faith, dignity, fairness, respect and excellence. Mark was a passionate leader and dedicated member of our Board of Directors. His leadership at Second Harvest transformed our mission and fueled the capital campaign that enabled us to move in 2007 from our original humble facility in Old Town Orange to our current 110,000 square foot Distribution Center, often called “the house that Mark built.” Our deepest condolences to Mark’s family, friends and all who knew him.
Nourishing hope together

Believing in the fundamental right to wholesome meals, we extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated donors. Your generosity fuels the heart and spirit of Orange County, ensuring our community thrives.

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**2023 Walk to Feed OC**
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- Chick-fil-A, Inc.
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**2023 “No Lunch” Lunch**
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- Golden State Foods Foundation

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Our sincere thanks to Antonio Cagnolo and the Antonello Ristorante staff for the gracious support.
1983  
OCTOBER 24  
The Food Distribution Center begins operations in Orange across the street from St. Vincent de Paul in a 10,000 sq. ft. former citrus packing warehouse.

1984  
The first “No Lunch” Lunch is hosted at Antonello Ristorante.

1985  
The Food Distribution Center establishes the Brown Bag Program to supplement the food budgets of Orange County’s low-income senior population.

1989  
The Food Distribution Center becomes a member of the Feeding America national network of food banks.

1992  
Harvesters is founded by Jill Johnson-Tucker and Jennifer Van Bergh. They hold their first Fashion Show & Luncheon to benefit the Food Bank, which nets $50,000.

1995  
South Coast Plaza begins a premier partnership with Harvesters to produce Harvesters’ exclusive luxury runway fashion show.

1997  
The Food Distribution Center rebrands and changes its name to Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.

1999  
After previous farming efforts, Second Harvest opens the “Incredible Edible Park” in Irvine in partnership with A.G. Kawamura, the City of Irvine and SoCal Edison.

2000  
The Kids Cafe program begins, serving children at four sites.

2007  
Second Harvest moves into its new headquarters on 6.5 acres in Irvine on the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro.

2007  
Grocery Rescue program is established, rescuing 664,059 pounds of food in the first year.

2000  
The first Permanent School Pantry opens at Lincoln Elementary School in Anaheim.

2016  
The first college pantry opens at UC Irvine.

2017  
The first college pantry opens at UC Irvine.

Senior program transitions from “Brown Bag” to “Senior Grocery,” which now provides fresh, perishable food in addition to non-perishable staples.

2017  
The first college pantry opens at UC Irvine.

The inaugural, month-long “Food From The Bar” campaign is held, bringing together the OC legal community to raise funds for the Food Bank.
2018
Park-It Market, a full-service mobile market, launches to serve low-income seniors.

2019
Second Harvest distributes a total of 29.1 million pounds of food during the fiscal year to an average of 249,000 neighbors per month in the community.

2020
The COVID-19 pandemic hits Orange County. From March to June 2020, Second Harvest serves an average of 486,000 people per month. A total of 19.7 million pounds of food is distributed, an increase of 95% from the same period the prior year.

The Orange County Hunger Alliance is formed with partners Second Harvest, Orange County Food Bank (a program of Community Action Partnership OC) and Abound Food Care.

2021
Harvest Solutions Farm celebrates its first planting at the UC South Coast Research & Extension Center. The 40+ acre farm supports the Food Bank’s nutrition mission by providing locally grown produce to those in need.

2022
Second Harvest completes the cold dock, including the addition of 6,200 sq. ft. (bringing the total to 14,550 sq. ft.) and two dock doors, giving the Food Bank the ability to maintain the “cold chain” for all temperature-controlled foods.

Harvesters holds its 30th anniversary Fashion Show & Luncheon Celebration, raising a cumulative 30-year total of $16.1 million for the Food Bank.

2023
MARCH
Harvest Solutions Farm reaches three million pounds of nutrient-rich produce harvested since the first planting.

APRIL
Second Harvest is awarded TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) Certification for our zero waste efforts, diverting 95% of waste and becoming the first food bank in the nation to achieve the distinction.

JUNE
In our 40th year through 294 partners, Second Harvest distributes a total of 36.3 million pounds of food during the fiscal year to an average of 393,000 neighbors per month in the community.

Second Harvest’s fleet of 17 trucks and 12 trailers travels 198,861 miles in the 12 months ending June 30, 2023, the equivalent of almost 8 times around the globe.

OCTOBER 24
Second Harvest marks 40 years of serving Orange County, collaborating with partners to provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food and creating a foundation for community health.
Harvesting hope together

Providing food security starts with you. Here are 9 ways you can help put healthy food on more Orange County tables:

1. **VOLUNTEER**
   Sign up with your family or company for a volunteer opportunity with Second Harvest Food Bank, either at Harvest Solutions Farm or our Distribution Center. Visit [feedoc.org/volunteer](http://feedoc.org/volunteer).

2. **GIVE A GIFT**
   Make a gift at [feedoc.org/donate](http://feedoc.org/donate).

3. **GET CREATIVE**
   Donate cryptocurrency, stocks, securities, mutual funds or from your IRA.

4. **HOST A VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE**
   Visit [feedoc.org/virtual-food-drive](http://feedoc.org/virtual-food-drive) to learn more and get started.

5. **ESTABLISH YOUR LEGACY**
   Include Second Harvest in your estate plans and feed your neighbors in need for years to come.

6. **ENGAGE YOUR COWORKERS**
   Fundraise with your company, team or department and request that your company match donations through its corporate matching gift program.

7. **ADVOCATE FOR SECOND HARVEST**
   Apply to be a Second Harvest Food Bank Advocacy Ambassador. Email Malia Cary at [malia@feedoc.org](mailto:malia@feedoc.org).

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