

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER NAMES SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF ORANGE COUNTY A WINNER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TOP WORKPLACES 2023 AWARD

IRVINE, Calif. December 8, 2023 - Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2023 honor by Orange County Register Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on <u>employee feedback</u> gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner <u>Energage</u> LLC. The confidential survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's something to be proud of. In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. That's paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends."

"We are thrilled to receive this award – especially since it is completely based on employee input," said Second Harvest Food Bank CEO Claudia Bonilla Keller. "Every moment of the work day for our team members directly impacts our mission to provide nutritious food for our neighbors in Orange County who need it. That care for the community is a part of our DNA, so it is extra meaningful that our entire team feels our professional environment is encouraging and healthy." Second Harvest is a purpose-driven organization with a mission to provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food in collaboration with its nearly 300 partners, creating a foundation for community health. As a result, Second Harvest Food Bank has been a source of food security to our Orange County community for the past 40 years.

ABOUT

At Second Harvest Food Bank, our vision is 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 362 locations throughout the county. In fiscal year 2022-2023, we distributed 36.3 million pounds of food to an average of 393,000 neighbors in need each month. Approximately 50,000-60,000 pounds of produce is harvested each week at the 40-acre Harvest Solutions Farm in Irvine, a collaboration with Solutions for Urban Agriculture and the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center begun in August 2021. Second Harvest is a member of the Feeding America network. For more information, visit feedoc.org.

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