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## **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





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#### A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

# 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



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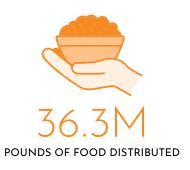


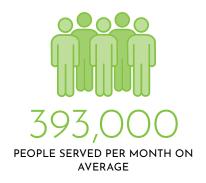




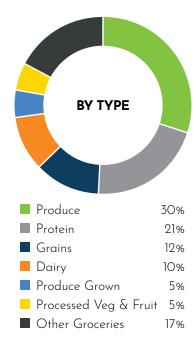
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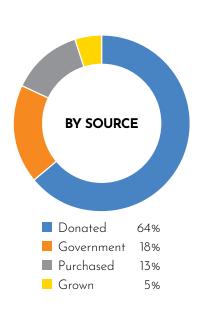
# By the numbers: FY23





# **Food Distributed**







#### **FOOD SOURCES AND DESTINATIONS**

# 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:



#### **OUR COMMITTED PARTNERSHIPS**

# Partnering in our nutrition mission

Faro Community

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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.

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# 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.



IN HER OWN WORDS: NEIGHBOR TESTIMONIAL

# 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."

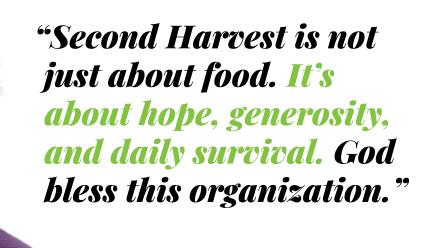
The bond with Second Harvest goes beyond just food; it's a relationship of trust and gratitude. "It's hard to believe we've come this far, but it's thanks to organizations like this," says Elizabeth.













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.

**VOLUNTEERS** 

# 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

THE NEED IN ORANGE COUNTY

# 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.











testament to the power of organized effort. Here, volunteers aged 13+ assist in a variety of projects that help us process food to send to our community.

To experience this journey firsthand and make an impact, visit feedoc.org/volunteer. Whether it's the refreshing morning air at Harvest Solutions Farm or the bustling environment of the Distribution Center, your contribution will echo in the well-being of countless individuals.

Join us. Be part of a movement that prioritizes people, champions compassion and envisions a world where food insecurity is a thing of the past.



70,353

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

28,025 TOTAL VOLUNTEER VISITS

18,204

DISTINCT COUNT OF VOLUNTEERS



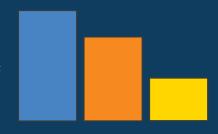




# **Food insecurity rates**

IN ORANGE COUNTY BY RACE/ETHNICITY

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).



- Black 15% (13k individuals)
- Latino (Hispanic) 11% (119k individuals)
- White (non-Hispanic) 5% (62k individuals)





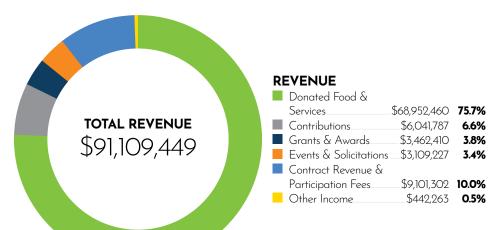




**FINANCIALS** 

# Financial efficiency

**FISCAL YEAR 2023** 



### **EXPENSES**

Program Services	\$84,367,843	94.6%
Management &		
General	\$2,735,333	3.1%
Fundraising	\$2,057,562	2.3%

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$89,160,738

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 Servuces included in-kind expense totaling \$69,349,215

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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.



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#### **TIMELINE**

## 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.



## 1084

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.

### 1002

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.



## 1000

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.

The Mobile Pantry program is established.

#### 2000

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

## 2007

Second Harvest moves into its new

headauarters on 6.5 acres

in Irvine on

the site of the former Marine Corps Air Station Fl Toro

Grocery Rescue program is established, rescuing 664.059 pounds of food in the first year.

### 2016

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

Senior program transitions from "Brown Bag" to "Senior Grocery," which now provides fresh, perishable food in addition to nonperishable 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.



HOW TO HELP

# Harvesting hope together

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







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.

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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**.

8 GET EDUCATED
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