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**HARVESTERS AND CITY NATIONAL BANK PRESENT SIXTH ANNUAL INNOVATIVE SERVICE AWARD TO SIX LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

*Local entities feeding food-insecure people awarded a total of $68,200 to increase capacity and impact*

**Orange County, Calif. (November 10, 2023) –** Harvesters, an independent women-only volunteer organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, presented its sixth annual Innovative Service Award in partnership with City National Bank on November 7. Harvesters and City National Bank gifted this $68,200 financial award to six local organizations that distribute food to the community, through the assistance of Second Harvest Food Bank, by implementing the client-choice model which allows children, youth, young adults, families and seniors to select the items they want. The recipients of this award include Orangewood Foundation, Rose Drive Friends Church, Salvation Army, First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, Anaheim United Methodist Church and Community Outreach Alliance.

Timed to coincide with the culmination of Second Harvest Food Bank’s 40th year commemoration and to welcome in the holiday giving season, the organizations were honored at the Food Bank’s distribution center in Irvine. 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. This award gives the organizations the critical funds they need to help feed their respective communities.

“We feel privileged to recognize these organizations that strive to implement the client-choice model when providing food to those in Orange County who face food insecurity. Allowing food-insecure neighbors to select the food items that best meet their needs provides them with personal agency that is highly valued and so important,” said David Hasenbalg, senior managing director, City National Bank and board member, Second Harvest Food Bank. “We appreciate their hard work in creating a welcoming and respectful environment for their local communities in Orange County.”

Further information about the six award recipients includes:

* Orangewood Foundation serves at-risk youth in Orange County through programs focused on health, housing, life skills and education.
* Rose Drive Friends Church has an on-campus food pantry that serves its Yorba Linda-based congregation that is in need.
* Salvation Army is an international Protestant church and charitable organization. The Anaheim Red Shield location fights food insecurity by providing food to over 1,200 people per month.
* First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton has a program called “Fullerton Free,” which provides food, clothing and other resources for those in the community expressing a great need.
* The Anaheim United Methodist Church serves up to 400 families each week to supplement their grocery needs and find food that is suitable for their families.
* Community Outreach Alliance in San Clemente provides free food, music outreach and community partnerships to promote healthy and active lifestyles for youth and the community.

For more information on Harvesters, visit [feedoc.org/harvesters](https://www.feedoc.org/harvesters/).

**About Harvesters**

Founded in 1992, Harvesters are a dedicated group of women committed to raising funds and awareness for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. Its members have donated thousands of hours of volunteer service and its annual campaigns have generated more than $18 million for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County over the past 31 years. Learn more at [feedoc.org/harvesters](https://url.emailprotection.link/?bEbIHUyRMBcRiNZ__D1esILA39GxTa8QKyZoHy4oE_BXmyMkAwhTsxNe4BAeeAIWVN7NhuZf3P1h5KzWFwS-ZwQ~~).

**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County**
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](http://www.feedoc.org/).

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