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Nourishing Orange County's Children All Summer Long

Nutrition is key when it comes to the overall health and well-being of growing children, but many families in Orange County are challenged with putting healthy food on the table every day. Sadly, this is not a unique situation: A recent national survey indicates that 1 in 4 Americans did not have enough money to buy food for their families within the last year.¹

With higher grocery prices making matters even worse for families, nearly half of local public school children rely on school meals for their primary

source of nutrition. That means when school is out for the summer, the 84,700 children² across Orange County—that's 1 in 8—who are food insecure will be unsure where their next meal will come from.

We believe that by providing fresh, healthy food, we can help children grow and thrive. At Second Harvest, we're dedicated to getting nutritious food into the hands of those who need it most, free of charge. Every month—all year long—we provide food to approximately 400,000 children, adults and seniors experiencing food insecurity.



We need your help more than ever

to ensure our local children are nourished, especially in the critical summer months when school is out. Your support can make a significant difference in their lives. Each donation you make helps us to provide high quality, healthy food to families like Yvonne's all year long. As a mother of five children, Yvonne receives healthy items at Skyview Elementary and Middle School's Eagle's Catch Pantry, which means that she is able to keep her family fed.

“Thank you for this help because it takes a village to be able to do all of this for the kids...to have this [pantry] at school is a game changer because if my kids are hungry...they can eat. I really appreciate it.”

—Yvonne M., Skyview Elementary and Middle School's Eagle's Catch Pantry Client



Our Fleet: Driving Our Mission!

We've made an exciting step forward in our mission to bring nutritious food to those in need in Orange County by transitioning to 100% delivery to our partners. Instead of requiring some partners to pick up food from our Distribution Center, our fleet now delivers directly to them, free of charge. This saves these 56 partners the time, logistics and labor to drive to the Distribution Center. While this change results in 146 more deliveries per month for the Logistics Department, it helps Second Harvest better support our 294 partners and 362 distribution sites.

Our team of 14 dedicated drivers and fleet of 23 food delivery vehicles make up the face of the Food Bank for our partners and clients alike. The fleet includes box trucks (including several eco-friendly

compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles), 28- to 53-foot trailers and two refrigerated Park-It Markets. Our drivers, who range in age from 21 to 72 years old, collectively covered over 200,272 miles last fiscal year to ensure healthy food reaches those who need it most. We also offer an entry level driver training program in which Second Harvest provides Class A License training for our drivers. This allows them to train on the job instead of attending an expensive driving school.

Your contributions help fuel our fleet and drive our mission forward, ensuring no one in our community is without healthy food. Keep an eye out for our vibrantly wrapped trucks when you're out and about, and please give the drivers a wave hello!

“The deliveries have helped tremendously because now we're able to focus on just getting the food out to clients versus having to worry about who's going out to pick up.”

—Diane Yee of Journey Evangelical, a partner who formerly picked up food from Second Harvest



In 2023-2024, our trucks traveled 200,272 miles—almost eight times around the globe!



MEET JOSE TORRES, LOGISTICS SUPERVISOR: One face behind the fleet

Jose Torres provides the perfect example of remarkable advancement within Second Harvest. Starting as an order puller in 2016, he progressed to a Class C driver, where he drove standard-sized vehicles to keep food flowing across Orange County. Through our internal training program, Jose earned his Class A License that enabled him to operate any vehicle in the Second

Harvest fleet. Motivated to serve as an example to others, Jose became a driver trainer to help his colleagues to advance their careers through the current training program—which he also helped develop. This led to his role as lead driver and now, after eight years, he serves as the Logistics Supervisor.

“Jose’s quiet kindness and positive attitude make him a joy to work with and an invaluable asset to our organization.”

—Kelly Alesj, Second Harvest’s Director of Supply Chain

Sunshine & Service at Harvest Solutions Farm

Soak up some sunshine by joining us at the 40-acre Harvest Solutions Farm run in collaboration with the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center (SCREC) and Solutions for Urban Agriculture! Harvest Solutions Farm is an innovative part of our strategy to provide food and nutritional security for all in Orange County. This summer at the Farm, we’re growing healthy produce such as watermelon, bell peppers, yellow squash, zucchini, green beans, honeydew melon, tomatoes and hot peppers. We invite you to spend

a few hours helping to plant and harvest this produce that will feed families right here in Orange County. Not only is it an excellent way for families (including children seven years old and older with an adult chaperone) to cultivate happiness while giving back, but teenage volunteers can earn service hours for school. So come on down and let’s get growing together!



Scan this code to learn more about giving back by volunteering at Harvest Solutions Farm (or at our Distribution Center in Irvine).

“I love spending my Saturday mornings at Harvest Solutions Farm with my daughter, Reagan (age seven), where we enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and camaraderie of fellow volunteers. It’s always an enjoyable experience at the Farm, and we walk away with full hearts, dirty boots and lasting memories, knowing we’ve made a big difference for our community facing food insecurity.”

—Britt Clemens, Second Harvest H.R. Coordinator and volunteer





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Grateful To OC's Legal Community



Food From The Bar volunteers at Harvest Solutions Farm on June 22, 2024.

The Food From The Bar campaign, powered by the Orange County legal community, has once again made a significant impact in our mission to provide Orange County with consistent access to nourishing food. Under the exceptional leadership of the campaign's Advisory Board, Bill Schaal, Partner, Rutan & Tucker, LLP (and SHFB Board member); Var Fox, Executive Vice President, Judicate West and Melissa Gorin, Director of Marketing, Judicate West, this year's effort raised an impressive \$88,722.05. Thank you to Rutan & Tucker, LLP and Judicate West for being this year's platinum sponsors.

Award Winners:

Congratulations to Judicate West for winning this year's Pro Bono Publico award.

Rockstar Rainmaker

- Rutan & Tucker, LLP (large)
- Judicate West (medium)
- Houser LLP (small)

Rockstar Rookie

- Aitken Aitken & Cohn, LLP

Raising the Bar

- Var Fox, Judicate West

Rockstar Voluntarius

- Edwards Lifesciences

Rockstar "Rangler"

- Melissa Gorin, Judicate West

Thank You To Our 2023 "No Lunch" Lunch Sponsors

Second Harvest Food Bank's "No Lunch" Lunch marks the traditional kickoff to the holiday season for many of our most dedicated donors and supporters. We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation to last year's sponsors of "No Lunch" Lunch. Your generous support has helped us in our mission to provide nutritious food to those in need in Orange County.

As we begin to prepare for this year's event on Thursday, November 21, 2024 (note that it is now the week before Thanksgiving!), we invite companies to join us in this vital effort as a sponsor. Let's come together and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Tammy Tu, Corporate Partnerships Associate, at TammyTu@feedoc.org or 949-208-3196.



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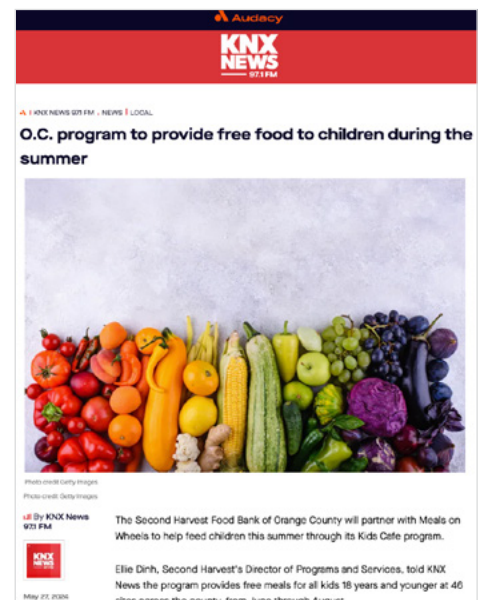


In The News

Second Harvest continues to capture the spotlight with key media coverage. Here are a few clips:



Daily Pilot + TimesOC | Mobile market delivers fresh food to O.C. seniors



KNX News (Audacity) | O.C. program to provide free food to children during the summer



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