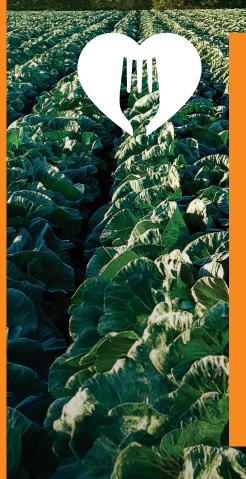


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#### **OUR MISSION**

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

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#### A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

## Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are again amazed by the commitment and resilience of our community. It has been a year of both challenge and triumph for Second Harvest Food Bank, and our donors, volunteers and partners have helped us to persevere.

The reality is that more and more people in Orange County need the nutritious food we provide. Our ability to meet that need depends on our ability to adapt. In Orange County alone, food insecurity is growing faster than the rest of California and the U.S., driven by the continued high food and fuel prices and expensive housing. An increasing number of children, seniors, families and individuals in our community are relying on us. Despite this challenge, those we serve have received better, fresher and more nutritious food—including protein, produce, eggs and milk—than ever before.

With the growing need comes the opportunity to evolve and improve. Together, our team has continuously innovated to meet the needs of the community, now and in the future, through our:

- Intentional sourcing of nutritious food
- Transition to 100% food delivery to all partners
- Work with our Partner Network to encourage a "choice model," giving clients the ability to choose nutritious food for themselves that is best for them and their families

- Programs such as Harvest Solutions Farm (our 40-acre partnership with Solutions for Urban Agriculture and the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center) and Founders Farm
- Implementation of a barcoding inventory system in our Distribution Center to manage food with the highest accuracy and efficiency
- Sustainability efforts, enabling us to be recognized as the
  first food bank in the country to achieve TRUE (Total
  Resource Use and Efficiency) certification by the world's
  leading sustainability and health certification organization,
  Green Business Certification Inc.

It takes a community to come together to address hunger. As we look ahead, considering the rapidly increasing needs of our friends and neighbors, we know collaborations will continue to be vital. Though food alone is not the answer to poverty, it is among the most basic of human needs. Without it, there is little individuals can do to lift themselves and their families, economically and otherwise.

Assistance from the community is equally vital. Thank you for your continued support. It allows us to lead the way, helping to establish a new standard for food banks as we go. Because of you we're able to change the lives of hundreds of thousands of Orange County residents every single day.

With gratitude and hope for a brighter tomorrow.



Claudia
Bonilla Keller
Chief Executive Officer



Salman Alam Board Chair



Second Harvest is pleased to be recognized as the first food bank in the world to achieve TRUE certification for zero waste. Please see page 19 to learn more about this and other accolades.

## Serving Individuals Throughout Orange County



442,000

PEOPLE SERVED
PER MONTH ON AVERAGE



35.8M

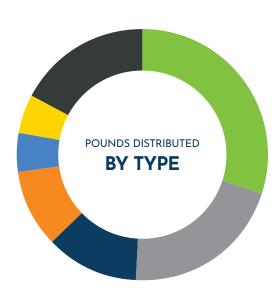
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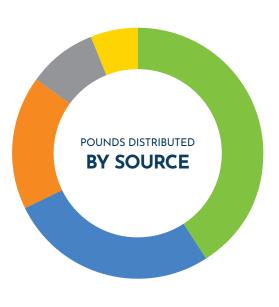
Almost 2.1 million pounds of nutritious produce, equivalent to 59 truckloads, was harvested at Harvest Solutions Farm.

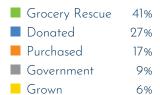
Our trucks and drivers traveled 200,000 miles, over eight times around the globe.

We purchased almost 706,000 dozen eggs — enough to make a 3-egg omelet for 2.8 million people



Produce	28%
Protein	20%
Grains	12%
Dairy	11%
Produce Grown	6%
Processed Veg & Fruit	6%
Other Groceries	17%





## A Lifeline for Families: Yvonne M.'s Story

Yvonne, a local mother of five, has found an immense sense of relief through her visits to Eagle's Catch Pantry at Skyview Elementary and Middle School. "It has helped me a lot because this is a year-round school, so my kids come here and it's a big help because they are not going hungry throughout the year," Yvonne says. Access to fresh produce, especially vegetables and fruits, has been a huge support for her family. "The produce is the best because that's more on the expensive side for a family of six, so I appreciate it," she shares.



Yvonne hopes others who need assistance are able to connect with a pantry near them. "Food is essential and no kid should be going hungry," she says.

66 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. ?9

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

## **Partnering in Our Nutrition Mission**

We are grateful to our nearly 300 partners who share our commitment to ensuring that everyone in Orange County has access to fresh, nutritious food.

Abrazar Acacia Villa ACCESS - Orange County Department of Education Active Christians Today Age Well Senior Services Alianza Translatinx Anaheim High School Anaheim Independencia Anaheim Public Libraries Anaheim United Methodist Church Baden Powell Elementary Ball Junior High Bayview Landing The Bell Tower Foundation/RSM Cares Betsy Ross Elementary Bovs & Girls Club of Búena Park Bovs & Girls Club of La Habra Bovs & Girls Club of Stanton Bovs & Girls Club of the South Coast Area Boys & Girls Clubs of Capistrano Valley Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington ValleyA23 Boys & Girls Clubs of Láguna Beach Boys & Girls Clubs of the Central Orange Coast Boys & Girls Clubs of Tustin Boys Hope Girls Hope Bracken's Kitchen Brea Senior Center Bridge Community Church Bryant Elementary Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center Buena Park Senior

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Helen Estock Elementary Helping Others Prepare for Eternity Heritage Park Anaheim Heritage Science Academy Heroes Elementary His Place Church Holy Family Church SVDP Hope House Hope Lutheran Church Food Pantry Horace Mann Elementary The HUB Resource Center ICNA Relief Iglesia Monte Vista Del Pacto Illumination Foundation Irvine Valley College Islamic Society of OC Iamboree Housina Jared Smith Foundation John Adams Elementary Journey Evangelical Church Juliette Low Elementary KidWorks Korean American Seniors Association Korean Community La Habra Hills Presbyterian Church La Purisima Church -Trinity Guild La Semilla Laguna Food Pantry Lampson Elementary L'Arche Wavecrest Lathrop Intermediate Latino Health Access Laura's House LifeSTEPS Lincoln Elementary Living Hope Community Church Livingstone Community Health Clinic Loma Vista Elementary Los Alamitos

Community Center

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Orangeview Junior High



### The Good Market/El **Buen Mercado: A New Permanent Food Pantry**

In the last fiscal year, Goodwill of Orange County and Second Harvest Food Bank celebrated the opening of a permanent pantry, The Good Market/El Buen Mercado, at Goodwill's Tierney Center for Veteran Services in Tustin.

The Good Market/ El Buen Mercado ensures direct and consistent access to nutritious and quality food for hundreds of employees, program participants and veterans served by Goodwill OC, and as of June 2024, general community members. In January 2024 alone, the pantry supported 954 households, including 3,800 individuals.

We are grateful for the collaboration with Goodwill of Orange County, helping us in our mission to provide dignified, equitable and consistent access to nutritious food for the community.

Orangewood Foundation Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

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# Volunteers: The Heart and Soul of Our Mission

At Second Harvest Food Bank, our vision is simple yet powerful: An Orange County with food and nutritional security for all. In order to bring this vision to life, we rely on the generous commitment of our volunteers. Volunteers are essential to our ability to deliver nutritious food to our Partner Network day in and day out.

The dedication of our volunteers at Harvest Solutions Farm, Founders Farm and the Distribution Center enables us to provide fresh, nutritious food to those who need

it most. In the past year alone, volunteers contributed an astonishing 65,493 total hours of service. This effort came from 14,334 individual volunteers and 21,277 visits.

At Harvest Solutions Farm, our partnership with Solutions for Urban Agriculture and the University of California South Coast Research & Extension Center, volunteers have harvested over 5.8 million pounds of fresh produce. From summer watermelons to winter cabbages, this nutritious produce is delivered to our pantries and those they serve within a matter of days.



## What Our Volunteers Say

I like the atmosphere and the people I work with at Harvest Solutions Farm. I like the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and work a bit. I'm very interested in helping people, especially people who are hungry. There are a lot of people that don't have the means to feed themselves daily. I think it's great to be able to harvest produce that is fresh and nutritious. The produce that comes out of Harvest Solutions Farm is beautiful and better than what you would get at the grocery store.





65,493

total volunteer hours



21,277

total volunteer visits



14,334

total individual volunteers



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[If you are thinking of volunteering]
Do it! What are you waiting for? I think
that you will be surprised how fulfilling
it is. It's not that you're giving up your
time – you're enriching your life. So don't
sit on the sidelines and say, 'I would love
it if I could try it'... there are so many
different opportunities and chances for
you to get involved and you will learn
how much it impacts your community. '99

Volunteering at Harvest Solutions Farm offers a chance to reconnect with nature and learn where our food comes from. Open to those aged 7 and up, the Farm offers frequent shifts to fit various schedules.

Assistance is also essential in our Distribution Center, where volunteers aged 13 and up help process food. Volunteering with Second Harvest to support the community is a testament to the power of collective effort.



To join us and make an impact, visit feedoc.ora/aet-

feedoc.org/getinvolved/#volunteer



## **Mapping Hunger:** OC's Increased Rate of Food Insecurity is Outpacing the State

Second Harvest is proud to be a part of Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks with a common goal to help people get the food and resources they need to thrive. Since 2011, Feeding America has produced Map the Meal Gap, a research study that estimates local food insecurity rate and food costs "to improve our understanding of people and places facing hunger...[informing] decisions that will help ensure equitable access to nutritious food for all."

In its latest data, Feeding America shows that there has been a 31.4% increase in food insecurity for children in Orange County — meaning, from 2021 to 2022, the number of children who are food insecure rose from 64K to 84K². For individuals in Orange County, those numbers rose by 23.6%. That's compared to a California-wide increase of 21.5% for children and 19.8% increase for individuals<sup>3</sup>.

According to Feeding America, key national factors driving food insecurity include unemployment, poverty and income shocks. Additionally, the majority of people facing food insecurity live above the federal poverty line. In Orange County, expensive housing and high food and fuel prices are causing more and more people to rely on Second Harvest and our partners.









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## **Evolving Forward:**

Our Three-Year Strategic Plan

As evidenced by Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap data, we know food insecurity in Orange County continues to rise, exceeding prepandemic levels. In order to face this growing threat head on, we've devised a three-year strategic plan to address the sobering reality that so many Orange County residents face: That the high cost of living means the impossible choice of paying for things

like rent before groceries is the new normal. Our "45 x '27" plan is to deliver 45 million pounds of food annually to our Partner Network by 2027.

We believe this three-year strategic plan solidifies a future for us where innovation, new ideas and an exciting mindset of boldness will define how we further our mission and improve the lives of those we serve.





## The Hidden Hunger Crisis

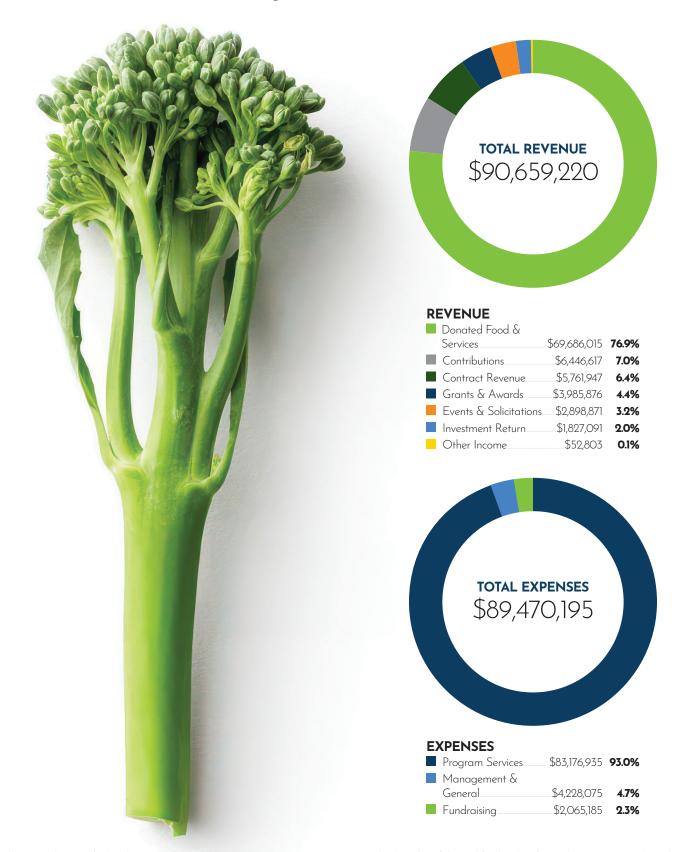
Food insecurity hides behind the everyday faces and daily interactions with people you might never know are struggling. When it comes to addressing food insecurity in Orange County, one of the biggest factors is awareness. Numbers are on the rise, but it's not always easy to see.

To help get the message out, we created the Hunger Notification campaign. It leverages the value we as a society place on the information we receive through our phones and feeds. These eye-catching ads convey the urgent need facing our community in the visual context of notifications and alerts.

Watch for it this holiday season at John Wayne Airport and across social media, or learn more at HiddenHungerOC.org.



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## Remembering John Ralls

John Ralls, who joined our Board of Directors in 2020, brought over 30 years of experience at the Orange County Health Care Agency. He provided his public health counsel to the Food Bank while on the Board and for many years prior. John was the conscience of the Board, holding us to the highest standard of food safety. He was a devoted family man to wife Vicki, two stepsons, their wives and five grandchildren.

John's passing in August 2024 leaves us with a deep loss. He will be greatly missed.

## **Meeting Our Growing Needs**

We believe everyone in Orange County deserves access to fresh, nutritious food and we can't thank our amazing financial donors enough. Your generosity makes it possible for us to ensure no one in Orange County ever has to go hungry.

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We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our event sponsors —your generosity contributed greatly to their success! Listed below are the top sponsors of each event.

### 2024 Food From The Bar





#### 2024 "No Lunch" Lunch











#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

## Innovation in Action: Recognizing Our Growing Impact



#### **City of Irvine Wall of Recognition**

Second Harvest was honored to be added to the Wall and join this celebration of significant community contributors on June 11, 2024.



#### 73rd Assembly District's 2024 Nonprofit of the Year

Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris recognized Second Harvest as Nonprofit of the Year during an event where 120 volunteers harvested 20,000 pounds of produce.



#### Irvine Chamber of Commerce | Nonprofit of the Year

On June 27, 2024, Second Harvest was honored as Nonprofit of the Year by the Irvine Chamber of Commerce at its annual "Celebrate Irvine" event. This award recognizes companies that have shown exceptional performance and innovation, significantly contributing to the City of Irvine.



#### **Telly Award**

Second Harvest's 40th anniversary documentary, Nourishing Hope, won the prestigious Golden Telly Award in the People's Choice category. We are so grateful for this huge honor and all who contributed to the project.



#### Irvine Chamber of Commerce | 40 Under 40 Award

Ellie Dinh, Second Harvest's Director of Programs and Services, was named among 40 Under 40 for her impactful leadership and dedication. Since joining the Food Bank in 2013, her commitment has been instrumental in providing vital services to the community.



#### 2024 Women in Business Award, Claudia Bonilla Keller

On October 30, 2024, CEO Claudia Bonilla Keller was one of five exceptional women recognized with the Orange County Business Journal's Women In Business Award.



## TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) Certification for Zero Waste

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County committed to reducing its environmental footprint and food waste. After a two-year process, Second Harvest became the first food bank in the world to achieve TRUE certification by the world's leading sustainability and health certification organization, Green Business Certification Inc.

### Grow with Us! Get Involved

#### Volunteer

with Second Harvest Food Bank, either at Harvest Solutions Farm, Founders Farm or our Distribution Center. **Visit feedoc.org/volunteer.** 

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