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## **DAWOODI BOHRAS PARTNER WITH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF ORANGE COUNTY AS CORPORATE IMPACT PARTNER**

*Faith-based community combines philanthropy and volunteerism to support Orange County's food security efforts*

**(IRVINE, CA — April 4, 2026)**—The Dawoodi Bohras, a global Muslim community known for its commitment to service, sustainability, and civic engagement, joined **Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County** (SHFB) ([www.feedoc.org](http://www.feedoc.org)) as a Corporate Impact Partner, along with hands-on volunteerism to expand access to nutritious food for community members facing food insecurity across Orange County.

As part of this new partnership, members of the Dawoodi Bohras volunteered at Second Harvest's Distribution Center on April 4, 2026, supporting food sorting and packing efforts. A total of 22,079 pounds of food was processed that will be directly benefit local families, seniors, and working individuals.

"The leader of the global Dawoodi Bohra community, His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, teaches us that serving others and uplifting those in need – including tackling food insecurity – are key tenets of our faith," said Yusuf Zakir, Community Outreach Lead for the Dawoodi Bohras of Orange County and Inland Empire. "Partnering with Second Harvest allows us to translate our values into meaningful local impact—ensuring that community members have access to the nourishment they need to thrive."

Through Project Rise, a Dawoodi Bohra initiative, the community focuses on social responsibility, including initiatives centered on food security, environmental sustainability, and reducing food waste. Their partnership with Second Harvest reflects a shared belief that strong communities are built through collaboration, compassion, and action.

"Strategic partnerships like this are essential to advancing our mission," said Claudia Bonilla Keller, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. "We are grateful to the Dawoodi Bohra community and Project Rise for their generosity and their willingness to roll up their sleeves alongside us. Their support helps ensure that more community members across Orange County have consistent access to nutritious food."

Corporate Impact Partners play a critical role in helping Second Harvest respond to rising need across the region. With food insecurity continuing to affect hundreds of thousands of individuals each month, partnerships that combine financial investment with volunteer engagement are key to scaling impact.

Through this collaboration, the Dawoodi Bohras not only contributed resources, but also strengthened community connections—demonstrating how purpose-driven partnerships can drive meaningful, lasting change.

To learn more about the Dawoodi Bohras, visit <https://usa.thedawoodibohras.com/>. To learn more about Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, visit [www.feedoc.org](http://www.feedoc.org).

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### **ABOUT THE DAWOODI BOHRAS**

The Dawoodi Bohras are a global Muslim community led by their spiritual leader, His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, and known for their strong emphasis on education, service, and community well-being. Guided by values of compassion, sustainability, and civic responsibility, the Dawoodi Bohras actively engage in initiatives that promote food security, environmental stewardship, and social upliftment. Their efforts span local and global communities, with a focus on reducing food waste, supporting those in need, and fostering a culture of giving and volunteerism. Learn more at

<https://usa.thedawoodibohras.com/> and <https://projectrise.thedawoodibohras.com/>.

### **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 schools, after-school programs, colleges and universities, senior centers, houses of worship, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities, with sites at 380 locations throughout the county. In fiscal year 2024-2025, we distributed 42.1 million pounds of food to an average of 458,995 neighbors in need each month (duplicated). Approximately 39,000 pounds of produce are 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 [www.feedoc.org](http://www.feedoc.org)