



**SECOND
HARVEST
FOOD BANK
OF METROLINA**

Together We CAN End Hunger

**Spring - Winter
2023**

BLESSINGS

Newsletter

Kay's Message



January 2024 marked my 20 year anniversary as CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of MetroLina. During those 20 years, I have learned an awful lot about how great the needs are out there and how many people suffer every day. I have also learned an awful lot about how giving our region is and how dedicated our supporters are to ending hunger for our children, seniors, veterans, families and pets.

During November and December our staff had the opportunity to be throughout our region hosting events and distributions for almost 60 straight days. During that time we visited soup kitchens, senior centers, veterans organizations, daycares, schools, shelters and animal rescues, all working with the same goal - to be sure no one is hungry.

Let me tell you about a few of the people I met this past holiday season.



Out at the **VA Service Center** here in Charlotte, I met Jim who served in Vietnam. I walked over to his car and shook his hand as we loaded up a holiday ham and fresh produce. As we chatted I said, "Thank you so much for your service and Jim said, "If they called me up today, I would go back again." Yet here Jim sits in a line of cars wrapped around a building waiting for holiday food.

Over in Rock Hill, I was invited to attend a talent show featuring some of the daily guests who eat their lunch meal every day at **Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen**. Every guest has a story and most have faced unthinkable tragedy in their lives - but each one who performed in the show entertained us all with a song of encouragement - some about keeping their trust in God to see them through, some about friends that have helped them, and others just songs of joy. But the recurring theme in every single performance was hope and trust that better days are around the corner.



At one of the many **senior centers** we serve, I met a special lady. We were loading up fresh produce boxes and turkeys for the Thanksgiving holiday. She leaned over and whispered to me asking if we ever get toys at the Food Bank. I said not too often and inquired about what she was looking for. She said I would like to give toys to my two great-grandchildren and I know exactly what they want. I took the list and promised to get the toys - then I said to her, what do you want for Christmas? She answered a battery for my car. I said I think Santa can bring that too. And he did.

At one of our **Head Start Centers** I watched the joy on the faces of the children there as we took Christmas gifts for each of them and food for their families. There is nothing quite like seeing the pure joy that radiates from children who are surprised with gifts that may be all they receive at Christmas. I keep those faces in my mind all the time.



The holidays are a frantic time for all of us at Second Harvest - but they are also an inspirational time. As I reflected on the folks I met throughout our region - the children, the seniors, the veterans and the families, I was reminded of how important this work is and how lucky I am to have had the opportunity to be at Second Harvest for 20 years - what a blessing it has been in my life.

As we move through 2024 I would encourage all of you to consider making a donation to help us meet the many needs that exist in our region. **I would especially be honored for you to make a donation in celebration of my 20th anniversary with the Food Bank.** Thank you in advance for your commitment to and compassion for those in need. With your help, 2024 will be a better year for so many of our neighbors.

Our Report Card

The Food Bank's most recent fiscal year ended on June 30, 2023. The chart below shows our performance in several key categories for the 2022-2023 year, and for the past 20 years.

GOAL	Performance in 2022-2023	% Increase Over Last 20 Years	Average Increase Per Year
Pounds Distributed	78,213,847	823%	41%
Nutritional Pounds	47,073,309	464%	23%
Volunteer Hours	276,686	909%	45%
Programs to End Child Hunger	465	1,040%*	61%
Pounds from Food Drives	9,858,734	624%	31%
Mobile Pantries Conducted	575	371%	19%
Senior Programs	18	465%*	27%

* Represents 17 Years of Growth

Empty Bowls 2023



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Empty Bowls 2023

On April 21st, the Food Bank hosted our 23rd Annual Empty Bowls event, presented by Food Lion Feeds and the CRVA (Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority) at The Charlotte Convention Center, Richardson Ballroom. For this event, local potters, including Clayworks, donated handcrafted bowls. Special thanks to our event host Kristen Miranda from WBTV and our GoPlaySave Charlotte Coupon Book donor The Real Estate Transition Group for their support.

Thanks to our sponsors, in-kind donors, and guests, we raised almost \$100,000 to help feed hungry children, seniors, families, veterans and pets in our 24 county service region.

Mark your calendar for our 2024 event on May 17th. For more information visit EmptyBowlsCharlotte.org.



Sort-A-Rama 2023



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On September 27th, the Food Bank held our Eighth Annual Sort-A-Rama event sponsored by Title Sponsor, Food Lion Feeds; Presenting Sponsors, Atrium Health, Equitable, and TIAA; Major Sponsors, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina and Edward Jones; and Supporting Sponsors, Armstrong Transport Group, Crescent Communities, Horizon Investments, Jackrabbit Technologies, and UNC Charlotte. Over 800 volunteers from our sponsor companies packed 16,000 food boxes used to feed our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity. Each day, families turn to the Food Bank and our 950+ partner agencies for help and without the support of our wonderful Sort-A-Rama sponsorships, this event would not be possible.

Interested in hearing more about Sort-A-Rama? Visit SortARama.org.



Sort-A-Rama 2023



Partner Appreciation Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award

Publix

Community Partner Award

Surprise Inside:

Cole Custer
Gene Haas Foundation
Stewart-Haas Racing

Special Event Partner Award

Sort-A-Rama:

Food Lion Feeds
Atrium Health
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
Equitable
TIAA
Armstrong Transport Group
Crescent Communities
Duke Energy
Jackrabbit Technologies
UNC Charlotte

Food Partner Awards

Smart Chicken
Titan Farms
Simpson's Eggs, Inc.

Financial Partner Award

Hendrick Automotive Group

Frank Timberlake Award

Carlenia Ivory

Special Event Partner Award

Chef's Best:

Harris Teeter
Cargill
Chef Craig Barbour
CRVA
E&J Gallo Winery

Individual Volunteer Partner Award

Peter Amendola

Group Volunteer Partner Award

CANstruction:

ADW Architects
BB+M Architecture
CPL
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Gresham Smith
Hendrick Construction, Inc.
Labella Associates, PC
Lenny Boy Brewing Co.
LS3P Associates Inc
Mike Gardina
Odell Associates Inc
Perkins Eastman Architects PC
Ragona Architecture & Design, PLLC
SGA | NarmourWright Design
Turner Construction

Food Partner Award

Costco

New Partner Awards

The Bradley and Nikki Bozeman Foundation
Charlotte Football Club

Ted Heyward Award

Riley Fields

Financial Partner Awards

Boingo Graphics
Jersey Mike's

Anne Springs Close Legacy Award

Wendy Duda

Community Partner Award

Santa Express:

Walmart

Youth Partner Award

Cans for Kids

Food Drive Partner Award

David Weekley Homes

Food Drive Partner Award

Legal Feeding Frenzy:

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
Gardner Skelton, PLLC
Moore & Van Allen, PLLC
Womble Bond Dickinson

New Partner Award

Chick-fil-A

Faith Based Partner Award

Mecklenburg Community Church

Agency Partner Awards

ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry)
Iva First Baptist



Riley Fields



Publix



Carlenia Ivory



Wendy Duda



David Weekley Homes

Partner Appreciation Awards



The Bradley and Nikki
Bozeman Foundation



Chick-fil-A



Charlotte Football Club



Legal Feeding Frenzy



Walmart



Chef's Best



Smart Chicken



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Chef's Best 2023



Featured Chef
David Burke



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In food *with* **love**



Chef's Best 2023

On August 18th, we hosted our 32nd Annual Chef's Best event presented by Harris Teeter at the Charlotte Convention Center, Crown Ballroom. The event featured a reception and dinner with food prepared by David Burke, Owner of David Burke Hospitality Management, a silent auction and a live auction. Special thanks to our additional sponsors including Cargill, the CRVA, E&J Gallo Winery, Encore, and Perry's Diamonds & Estate Jewelry. Also, huge thanks to our event host, Miranda Miller (Miranda in Charlotte), and our auctioneers, Debbie and Ron Hitzel, with Impact Auctions.

Thanks to our sponsors, in-kind donors, featured chef, and guests, we raised over \$500,000 to help feed those in need in our 24 county service region.

Mark your calendar for our 2024 event on September 6th. For more information visit ChefsBestCharlotte.org.



Letter Carriers 2023



On May 13th, the 31st Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was sponsored by The National Association of Letter Carriers. This drive is the nation's largest single-day food drive. Bags were delivered by postal carriers to homes throughout the Charlotte area. Residents filled the bags with over 11,615 pounds of non-perishable foods that were collected by the Letter Carriers in Charlotte on May 13th. All of the food benefited Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and our partner agency, Nourish Up.



WSOC-TV 9 Food Drive 2023



The WSOC-TV 9 Food Drive comes at a critical time of year since our partner agencies see an increase in clients as we move into the summer months. Thanks to all of our friends at WSOC-TV and all of the station's wonderful viewers, the 23rd annual drive held on June 15th collected the equivalent of 4,244 pounds through food and funds donated. Special thanks to all of the Family Focus partners, including Arby's, Ashley, and Charlotte Gastroenterology & Hepatology.



Carolina Premium Beverage 2023



On December 19th, Carolina Premium Beverage dropped off their food drive, which collected over 1,000 pounds. They also donated \$20,257.42. Since 2011, Carolina Premium Beverage has donated \$182,273 and 105,400 pounds. Thank you to Carolina Premium Beverage for your continued support in our mission to end hunger.



Moo, Brew & 'Que Music Festival 2023



On April 15th and 16th, AvidXchange Music Factory hosted the Annual Moo, Brew & 'Que Music Fest. Guests enjoyed music, craft beer, food, games, vendors, giveaways and more. This year's event raised \$11,500 with an additional \$5,000 donated from Tito's on behalf of the event. Huge thanks to AvidXchange Music Factory, Moo, Brew & 'Que Music Fest, and Tito's for your continued support every year.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 event on April 12th-14th. Visit MooAndBrewFest.com for more information.



Atrium Health Mini Sort-A-Rama 2023



Atrium Health

On April 26th, we held our first “Mini” version of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event (held each year in late September). This scaled down version of the popular teambuilding event was made possible by Atrium Health. Over 250 Atrium Health volunteers packed 8,000 food boxes to help support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Hendrick Automotive Group Mini Sort-A-Rama 2023



On July 12th, we held our second “Mini” version of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event. This event included 250 Hendrick Automotive Group employees packing 8,000 food boxes that were distributed to families at low income schools throughout our service region.



23XI Racing and NBA Charlotte Hornets



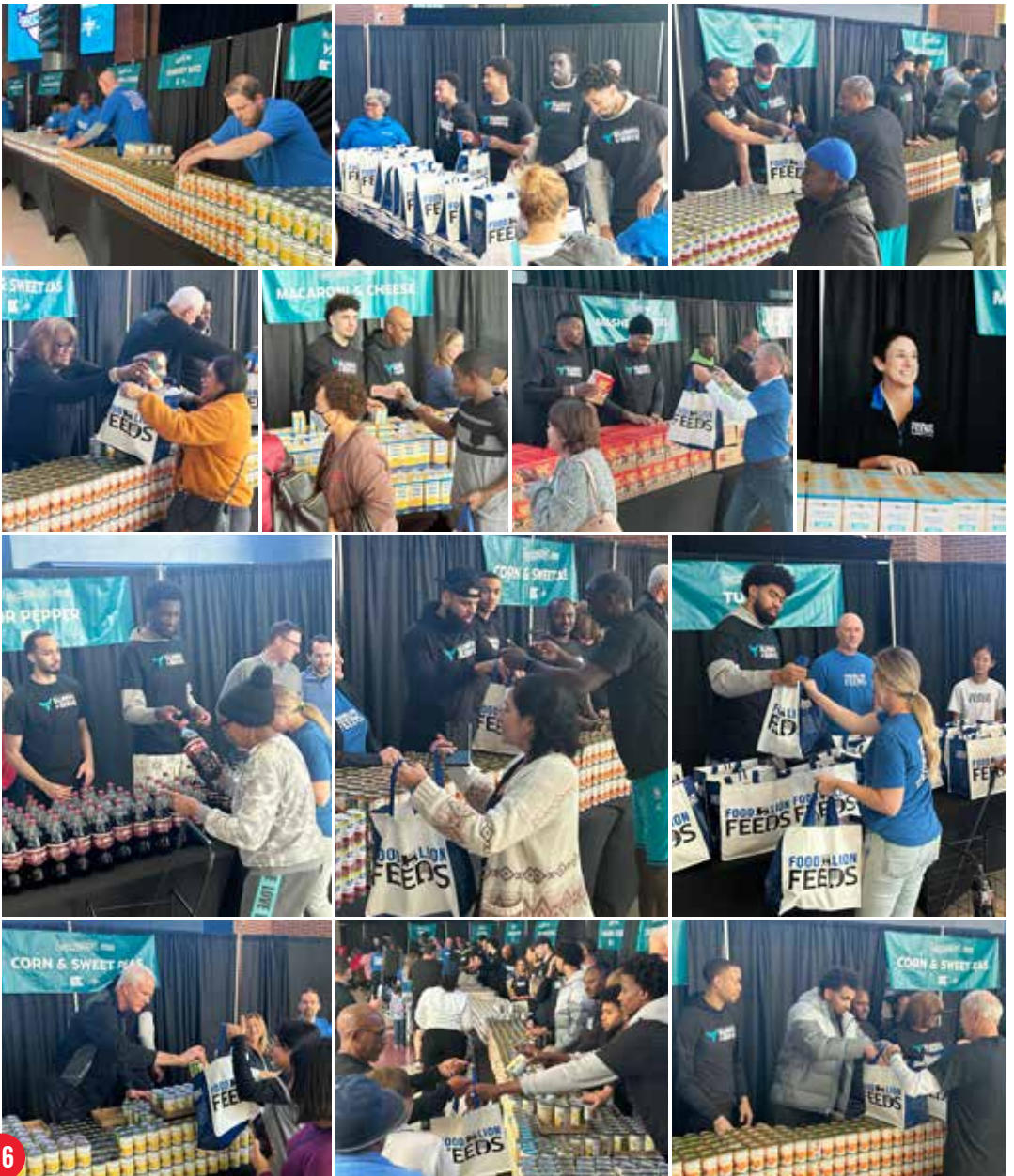
On January 26th, the NBA Charlotte Hornets and 23XI Racing volunteered at SHFBM packing 2,311 food boxes. These food boxes were used immediately to feed our neighbors in need at our School-Based Mobile Pantries. They also presented a \$2,311 donation. Thank you NBA Charlotte Hornets and 23XI Racing for your continued support in our mission to end hunger.



Cornucopia 2023



On November 13th, the NBA Charlotte Hornets and Food Lion Feeds provided Thanksgiving meals to 1,000 families in need at the Hornets' 13th Annual Cornucopia event at Spectrum Center. The entire Hornets team and coaching staff helped distribute food, along with Hornets executives and ambassadors, Food Lion executives and associates, Coca-Cola Consolidated executives and staff, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina team members. Items included in the distribution were turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, sweet peas, whole kernel corn, macaroni and cheese and cranberry sauce. Coca-Cola Consolidated provided a two-liter bottle of Dr Pepper or Diet Dr Pepper for every meal as well. Thank you, NBA Charlotte Hornets, Food Lion Feeds, and Coca-Cola Consolidated for assuring that no family goes hungry during the holidays.



Novant Health Thanksgiving Eve Parade 2023



On November 22nd, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina was honored again to be the official charity of the Novant Health Thanksgiving Eve Parade. This is one of the most amazing events held in Charlotte and in partnership with Food Lion Feeds and Charlotte Center City Partners. The Food Bank not only participates but gets to help feed families as well. With the assistance of Food Lion Feeds, the Food Bank was able to provide turkeys to 500 local families that otherwise would not have had a Thanksgiving meal.



David Weekley Homes Turkey Drive 2023



Many thanks to our most dedicated turkey donors, David Weekley Homes. For years, David Weekley Homes and their partners have collected turkeys and funds to help the Food Bank make sure every family in need in our community has a Thanksgiving meal. This year, their drive collected 273 turkeys and over \$14,000 between on-site donations and their online fund drive. They also donated \$10,000 to purchase new scales for our electric pallet jacks. Thank you David Weekley Homes for your continued support in our mission to end hunger.



Harvest Feast 2023



Our annual Harvest Feast Marathon sponsored by Harris Teeter and Hits 96.1 was held on November 10th, 11th, and 18th. The on-site food drive, held at the Harris Teeter store at Stonecrest Shopping Center, is one of our largest drives of the year. During November and December, local Harris Teeter stores also held a round-up campaign to benefit SHFBM.

Special thanks to:

- Clean Juice
- Chick-fil-A
- Crumble Cookie
- Chipotle
- Dish it Out
- Harris Teeter
- Marble Slab Creamery
- Nothing But Noodles
- Super Chix



Harvest Feast Packing Event 2023



Harris Teeter
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET



On November 14th, Harris Teeter associates, The Bradley & Nikki Bozeman Foundation, and the Carolina Panthers hosted our annual Harvest Feast Packing Event. Participating players included Bradley Bozeman, Bryce Young, Chandler Zavala, and Chris Wormley. This year's group assembled 2,500 Thanksgiving meal bags. These bags were given to families in need to make sure all families have a Thanksgiving meal during the holiday. The bags were assembled in conjunction with Harris Teeter's annual Harvest Feast fund and food drive and were distributed to our partner agencies. Each Thanksgiving meal bag contained products for a delicious and easy Thanksgiving meal including: a whole turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, cranberry sauce, yams, green beans, corn, and a fudge brownie mix.



Shy Tuttle Food Distribution 2023



On November 15th, Shy Tuttle, Defensive Tackle for the NFL Carolina Panthers, volunteered with us at our School-Based Mobile Pantry held at JH Gunn Elementary distributing food to families in need. Thank you, Shy, for your support in our mission to end hunger.

Derrick Brown Food Distribution 2023



On November 21st, Derrick Brown, Defensive End for the NFL Carolina Panthers, volunteered with us at our School-Based Mobile Pantry held at Devonshire Elementary distributing food to families in need. Thank you, Derrick, for your continued support in our mission to end hunger.



DJ Chark Food Distribution 2023



On November 21st, DJ Chark, Wide Receiver for the NFL Carolina Panthers, volunteered with us at our School-Based Mobile Pantry held at Marie G. Davis Elementary distributing food to families in need. Thank you DJ, for supporting our mission to end hunger.



Joy to the Carolinas 2023



Harris Teeter
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET

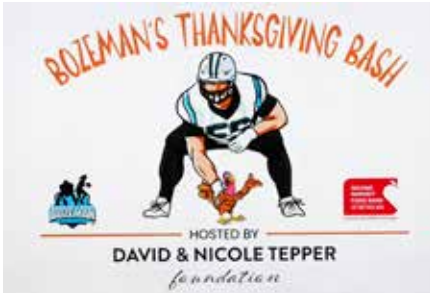


Carowinds
WINTERFEST

On December 5th, the NFL Carolina Panthers, Harris Teeter, Coca-Cola Consolidated, and Carowinds hosted the Fifth Annual Joy to the Carolinas event at Carowinds' Winterfest. The night included families receiving winter clothing, getting their photos taken with Santa, entering the park for holiday music and entertainment, getting autographs from players, shoes, and holiday meals distributed by SHFBM. Thank you Harris Teeter and Coca-Cola Consolidated, for making it possible for us to distribute 800 turkeys, holiday food bags and food boxes to families in need.



Bozeman's Thanksgiving Bash 2023



On November 20th, The Bradley and Nikki Bozeman Foundation partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Harris Teeter, and The David and Nicole Tepper Foundation to provide a hot Thanksgiving meal to 1,200 area children in need. The children attend SHFBM's Kids Cafe sites throughout our 24 county service region. Held at Topgolf, the event featured a D.J., Sir Purr, face paint, and other entertainment. Following the dinner served by the NFL Carolina Panthers and The Bradley and Nikki Bozeman Foundation, each child received a turkey breast and everything needed for a complete Thanksgiving meal to take home. Many thanks to The Bradley and Nikki Bozeman Foundation, The David and Nicole Tepper Foundation, and Harris Teeter for making Thanksgiving special for so many children.



Harris Teeter Peaches with a Purpose 2023



For ten years, Titan Farms and Harris Teeter have donated peaches to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina as part of their Peaches with a Purpose program. This year, Titan Farms donated an entire truckload of peaches. Thank you Harris Teeter and Titan Farms for your continued support and also to Titan Farms owner, Lori Anne Carr, who was onsite helping families in need at Briarwood Elementary.



Smart Chicken Deliveries 2023



Throughout January and February, Smart Chicken delivered three full truckloads of frozen chicken to our Charlotte Warehouse. For every 10 pounds of chicken purchased at Harris Teeter, a pound was donated to SHFBM. Smart Chicken has donated over 500,000 pounds of protein since our partnership began. Chicken is a much needed protein at the Food Bank, distributed at our School-Based Mobile Pantries multiple times a week. Thank you Smart Chicken for your continued support in feeding hungry families in our service region.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #3



On February 6th, we held our third Cole Custer's Surprise Inside, a program that was created by the Food Bank to surprise six different partner agencies over a 12 month period. At the Humane Society of Catawba County, Cole and our friends at the Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW WOW! Waffles donated \$10,000 for 56-70 spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and \$15,000 of pet food for the animals that they serve.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #4



On May 1st, we held our fourth Cole Custer's Surprise Inside at York County Council on Aging in Rock Hill, SC. Cole, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW WOW! Waffles sponsored a carnival for seniors which included information tables from Atrium Health, Founders Federal Credit Union, Food Lion, and Benchmark Physical Therapy along with games such as mini-golf, ring toss, cornhole, planko, streetskee, and a photo booth. The event culminated with pizza and a raffle.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #5



On August 8th, we held our fifth Cole Custer's Surprise Inside at Rocky River Elementary School in Concord, NC. Cole, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW WOW! Waffles sponsored a distribution of back to school backpacks along with oranges and bags filled with ready-to-eat foods. During the event, Cole Custer also announced his donation of \$100,000 to continue Surprise Inside in 2024. Thank you Cole Custer, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW WOW! Waffles for your continued support.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #6



On December 13th, we held our sixth Cole Custer's Surprise Inside at Oaklawn Headstart. Cole, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW WOW! Waffles sponsored a distribution of holiday hams and food boxes, fun activities, gifts and lunch for the kids that attend the headstart program.



Hendrick Automotive Group



On April 3rd, sixty teammates from Hendrick BMW Northlake and Hendrick Automotive Group packed 3,100 food boxes at our Charlotte Warehouse and also presented us with a donation of \$385,000. Hendrick donated another \$385,000 in November as part of their Hendrick Hunger Heroes program. Thank you to our friends at Hendrick Automotive Group for continuing to support our mission to end hunger.



Taste of the Panthers 2023



On March 17th, the NFL Carolina Panthers hosted their Tenth Annual Taste of the Panthers event at Bank of America Stadium presented by Wellcare. This event featured dozens of our favorite Panthers players, many of Charlotte's favorite restaurants, and great wines. This year's event raised \$25,000 for our Backpack Program. Special thanks to the NFL Carolina Panthers for their continued support.



Simpson's Eggs Donation



On March 31st, Simpson's Eggs, Inc. donated 43,000 eggs, which equals 3,583 dozen that provided Charlotte area families with hundreds of meals. The donation was made in conjunction with a nationwide initiative led by the American Egg Board called Fighting Hunger by the Dozens. Simpson's Eggs is located in Monroe, NC and was one of more than 20 farms participating in the initiative, which provided more than 3 million eggs to food-insecure individuals and families. Thank you, Simpson's Eggs and American Egg Board for this EGG-celent donation.



Food Lion Feeds Speedway Christmas



Speedway Christmas presented by Atrium Health has become a cherished holiday tradition for many families and friends. On December 3rd, Food Lion Feeds and Charlotte Motor Speedway partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to host their annual Speedway Christmas fund/food drive. Attendees were encouraged to bring five non-perishable items to Speedway Christmas for \$10 off admission, or donate \$10 and receive a free general admission ticket redeemable for any night during Speedway Christmas. This fund/food drive collected the equivalent of 22,475 pounds between food and funds that were donated to SHFBM. Thank you to Food Lion Feeds and Charlotte Motor Speedway for your continued support.



Fifth Third Day 2023



On May 3rd, Fifth Third Bank was joined by RFK Racing's pit crew at our Charlotte Warehouse for a day of service. They packed senior boxes in the morning and then dry food boxes in the afternoon as part of their Fifth Third Day of Service. The senior boxes were distributed to seniors as part of our CSFP program and the dry food boxes were distributed at our School-Based Mobile Pantries which helps ensure that our children have enough nutritious food to eat and attend school prepared to learn. Thank you for making our community a "Fifth Third" better.



Street Turkeys 2023



On November 22nd, Sports Radio 610 WFNZ hosted their 21st Annual Street Turkeys event presented by RAM Pavement at The WFNZ Dog House Powered by Jack Daniel's. Turkeys, canned goods, and funds were collected all day. Special thanks to Food Lion for their generous donation of turkeys. This year's event collected over \$42,248, 723 turkeys, and 4,802 pounds of food split between SHFBM and our partner agency, Nourish Up.



Food Lion Feeds Score to Give More



More than 1.2 million meals were donated through the 2022-2023 college basketball season thanks to Food Lion Feeds and the 32 college and university teams that partnered to make this happen. Score to Give More and Food Lion Feeds provided 100 meals for each foul shot made to food banks in their retail areas. We want to thank the schools in our area that participated: Catawba College (370 free throws / 37,000 meals provided), Johnson C. Smith University (353 free throws / 35,000 meals provided), and Livingstone College (425 free throws / 42,500 meals provided).

Kids Corner



Malachi is a 6th grader at Piedmont Middle School, an IB World School. He and his mom stood outside Harris Teeter and collected 128 pounds of food and \$241.37 for his community service project. Thank you Malachi and mom for helping to feed our neighbors in need.



Emily has been a Girl Scout for ten years. She is currently working on her Gold Award as a senior at Sun Valley High School. As she heads to college to study culinary arts, she took the opportunity to help her community with her Gold Award. Through volunteering at SHFBM, she inquired if families who receive food assistance have difficulty making meals from what they receive. She took the time to research, create and collect recipes to help these families have a variety of nutritious meals using the most common foods found in food banks. Thank you Emily for helping our neighbors in need with this project filled with love and hope.

Student Hunger Drive 2023



From March 2023 to April 2023, SHFBM hosted our Annual Student Hunger Drive. Student leaders from each school were excited to attend a packing event on February 28th to kick off the drive where they packed boxes of produce, which were distributed through our School-Based Mobile Pantry program. This year's drive collected an equivalent of 121,216 pounds between food and funds. Thank you to North Mecklenburg High School, Myers Park High School, Ardrey Kell High School, Providence High School, Olympic High School, and Cuthbertson High School for your participation in this year's Student Hunger Drive.

For information about Student Hunger Drive contact our Fund/Food Drive Coordinator, Megan Pierce, at mpierce@secondharvestmetrolina.org.



Publix Charities Donation



Thank you Publix Charities for your two \$150,000 grants, which were used for a new racking system, a stand-up forklift, and the purchase of a new box truck.



Mac's Speed Shop Campaign



On February 28th, Mac's Hospitality Group, LLC presented their \$12,000 donation raised through their hush puppy/chips & salsa campaign. On September 7th, Mac's speed Shop hosted their Inaugural Harmonies & Harvest event at Backstage Lounge. This year's event raised \$2,200. Thanks to Wynn Davis and his team for your continued support.



Food Lion and Charlotte Hornets Packing Event



On March 16th, Food Lion Feeds, NBA Charlotte Hornets Guard, Bryce McGowens and staff volunteered at SHFBM packing 3,000 backpacks filled with nutritious, ready-to-eat foods that feed hungry children on weekends and holidays when school meals are not available. Thank you, Food Lion Feeds and NBA Charlotte Hornets for your continued support in feeding hungry children.



Oaklore Distilling Co. Angel Barrel Bourbon



During the month of September, Oaklore Distilling Co. released their Angel Barrel Bourbon. Each year, Oaklore Distilling Co. chooses a small number of non-profit organizations to partner with on an Angel Barrel release. Together with Oaklore, the organization picks a barrel, develops a custom label, and makes the bottle available for sale. Proceeds from the sale of the Angel Barrel bottles go to that non-profit organization. Our Angel Barrel Bourbon sold over 200 bottles, which made us eligible for a donation of \$3,854.96 that will help us feed our neighbors in need.



Charlotte's Best 2023



During the 2023 Charlotte's Best competition, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina was voted Gold Best Nonprofit Organization in Charlotte. Thank you to all that nominated and voted for us. Without our loyal supporters we could not have a real impact on ending hunger.



Yam Jam 2023



On October 25th, Duke Energy and Charlotte Center City Partners teamed up with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina for an inaugural Yam Jam volunteer event to benefit SHFBM. The event, organized by Duke Energy, also included volunteers from Ally, Barings, Honeywell, Truist and Wells Fargo all coming together to pack 40,000 pounds of locally sourced sweet potatoes. These sweet potatoes were distributed throughout our 24 county service region. Thank you to the over 150 volunteers who helped make this possible.



Hendrick Distribution at Greenville Center



On November 8th, SHFBM distributed 1,500 turkeys and food boxes at the Greenville Center in Charlotte, NC. Thank you Hendrick Automotive Group for donating the funds to buy all of the turkeys and fixings to be packed in the food boxes.



Granting Help to our Neighbors in Need



Thank you Arby's Foundation, for your \$11,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Thank you Chick-fil-A, for your \$25,000 grant, which was used to support our Child and Family Hunger Programs.



Thank you CVS, for your \$99,647 grant, which was used to support general operating.



Thank you Costco, for your \$40,909 grant, which was used to support our Child and Family Hunger Programs.



Thank you Dabo's All In Team Foundation, for your \$5,000 grant, which was used to support food box distribution in Abbeville, Anderson, Greenwood, Pickens, and Oconee Counties to be distributed by our Anderson Branch.



Thank you Disney, for your \$15,000 Produce Operation Grant, which was used to support our Non-Retail Produce Program.



Thank you Food Lion Feeds, for your \$10,000 grant, which was used to support our Child Hunger Programs.



Thank you Gaston Community Foundation for your \$25,000 grant, which was used to support our produce mobiles in Gaston County.

Granting Help to our Neighbors in Need



Thank you General Motors for your \$10,000 grant, which was used to support our Backpack Program.



Thank you Leon Levine Foundation, for your \$200,000 grant, which was used to support our operating costs.



Thank you Lincoln Financial Group for your \$43,000 grant, which was used to support our Child Hunger Programs.



Thank you Principal Foundation, for your \$50,000 grant, which was used to support transportation costs.



Thank you SC Johnson for your \$20,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry program.



Thank you Sheetz for the Kidz, for your \$5,000 grant, which was used to support our Child Hunger Programs.



Thank you Sysco, for your \$6,051 grant, which was used to support our Child and Family Hunger Programs.



Thank you Tyson Foods, for your \$33,533 grant, which was used to support our Child and Family Hunger Programs.

CANstruction 2023



Thanks to all the firms and their supporters who participated in the 2023 AIA Charlotte CANstruction event. Our friends at Camp North End provided the space for this unique competition. Teams spent weeks planning, and a full morning building these amazing structures. Collectively they provided the Food Bank with 82,968 pounds in food and funds to help hungry neighbors.



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Progressive AE



ODA



SGA/NW
Best Meal



McMillan Pazdan Smith
Best Original Design



Gilbane

CANstruction 2023



Gresham Smith/Turner
Best Use of Labels



Gilbane/Gensler
Most Cans



CPL



The Beck Group



LaBella/Odell
Structural Ingenuity



BB+M
Juror's Favorite and People Choice



Morris Berg Architects



FMK Architects, PA

Santa Express 2023



SANTA EXPRESS!



On December 4th, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and Walmart kicked off our Ninth Annual Santa Express. Running from December 4th to December 12th, Food Bank trucks delivered fresh fruit, toothbrush kits, and school supplies for teachers and students to 25 schools in 12 counties in our service region. With 155,000 children in our region living in poverty, the support of Walmart is critical to help meet their basic needs.

By the time Santa Express ended on December 12th, the following was accomplished:

- Visited **12 counties** in North and South Carolina
- Assisted **25 high-poverty elementary schools** in our service region
- Helped provide fresh fruit, toothbrush kits, and school supplies to **almost 10,000 at-risk elementary school students**



Cliffside Elementary
Rutherford County, NC



East Elementary
Cleveland County, NC

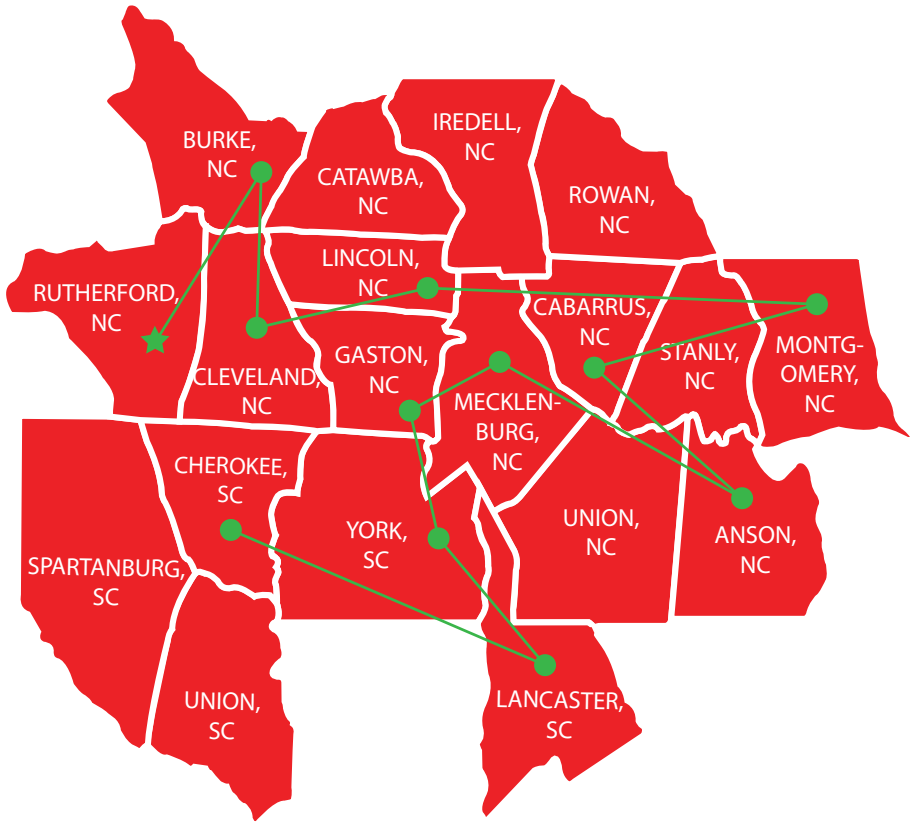


Sadler Elementary
Gaston County, NC



Luther Vaughan Elementary
Cherokee County, SC

Santa Express 2023



Steele Creek Elementary
Mecklenburg County, NC



Rocky River Elementary
Cabarrus County, NC



Westerly Hills Elementary
Mecklenburg County, NC



Star Elementary
Montgomery County, NC



Morven Elementary
Anson County, NC



Glen Alpine Elementary
Burke County, NC



Norris S. Childers Elementary
Lincoln County, NC



Clinton Elementary
Lancaster County, SC



Ebenezer Avenue Elementary
York County, SC



Spindale Elementary
Rutherford County, NC



Wadesboro Elementary
Anson County, NC



Icard Elementary
Burke County, NC

Write a legally valid will and create a lasting legacy with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina



WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone should have an estate plan to support their future and protect what they love. A will (or revocable trust) is the best way to:

- Protect the people, pets and communities you love
- Save your family stress and complications by giving exact instructions on how to handle your estate
- Start a legacy with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina to end hunger in our communities

HOW DOES FREEWILL HELP?

FreeWill's self-help solutions for common estate planning needs help you create a legal will completely free of charge, and make it easy to create other important estate planning documents so you are prepared for your future. FreeWill can also be paired with an attorney for more complex needs.

If you choose to create a legacy with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, you can easily add the necessary language in your will to memorialize your gift intentions.

\$9B+

Amount of money committed to charities through FreeWill

20 mins

Average time it takes a user to complete their plan

937K+

Number of people who have created estate plans through FreeWill



Visit FreeWill.com/SecondHarvestFoodBankMetrolina or scan the QR Code to get started.

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Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE

Benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

Presented by



May 17, 2024

at Charlotte Convention Center

EmptyBowlsCharlotte.org

In food *with* love



PRESENTS



Benefiting



Together We CAN End Hunger



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Visit SecondHarvestMetrolina.org
for more ways to get involved!



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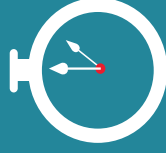
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