

A young boy with short dark hair is smiling broadly, holding a green apple in his right hand. The apple has a bite taken out of it. In the background, another child with blonde hair is partially visible, also smiling. The overall tone is warm and positive.

**SECOND
HARVEST
FOOD BANK
OF METROLINA**

Together We CAN End Hunger

**Spring - Winter
2024**

BLESSINGS *Newsletter*

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Kay's Message



On January 4, 2025, I celebrated my 21st anniversary as CEO at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. During the past two decades, we have weathered a recession, COVID, and more hurricanes than I can count. Because of each of you and countless other donors and supporters, the Food Bank has continued to feed more and more hungry children, seniors, veterans, families and pets with each passing year. This past year we provided just shy of 90 million pounds throughout our 24 county service region in North and South Carolina.

The holiday season is one we look forward to each year because there is nothing more rewarding than feeding families Thanksgiving dinners and holiday meals. While everyone at Second Harvest loves to provide meals all year long, this time of year takes on a special significance. While many of us look forward to wonderful times with our families and friends and all of the special foods that just say Thanksgiving, so many in our community struggle to have enough healthy food on a daily basis and providing these holiday meals has a special place in our hearts.

The holiday season is also the busiest time of year for our staff. We host so many special events, food drives and food distributions during the months of October through December and by the time the season ends, we are all exhausted. This definitely includes me because I'm not getting any younger - my favorite expression now is "I never get tired of our work, I just get tired." I'm sure most of you can relate.

Well little did we know what would be facing us for the holidays in 2024. On September 22nd, Hurricane Helene began forming and by September 26th, the storm had made landfall in Florida. The storm soon followed with catastrophic flooding unlike anything we have ever seen in the western part of North Carolina. Widespread power outages throughout western North Carolina and the upstate of South Carolina followed and the storm has now caused at least 238 deaths and 124 billion dollars in damages. Helene was the deadliest storm to strike the mainland United States since Katrina in 2005.

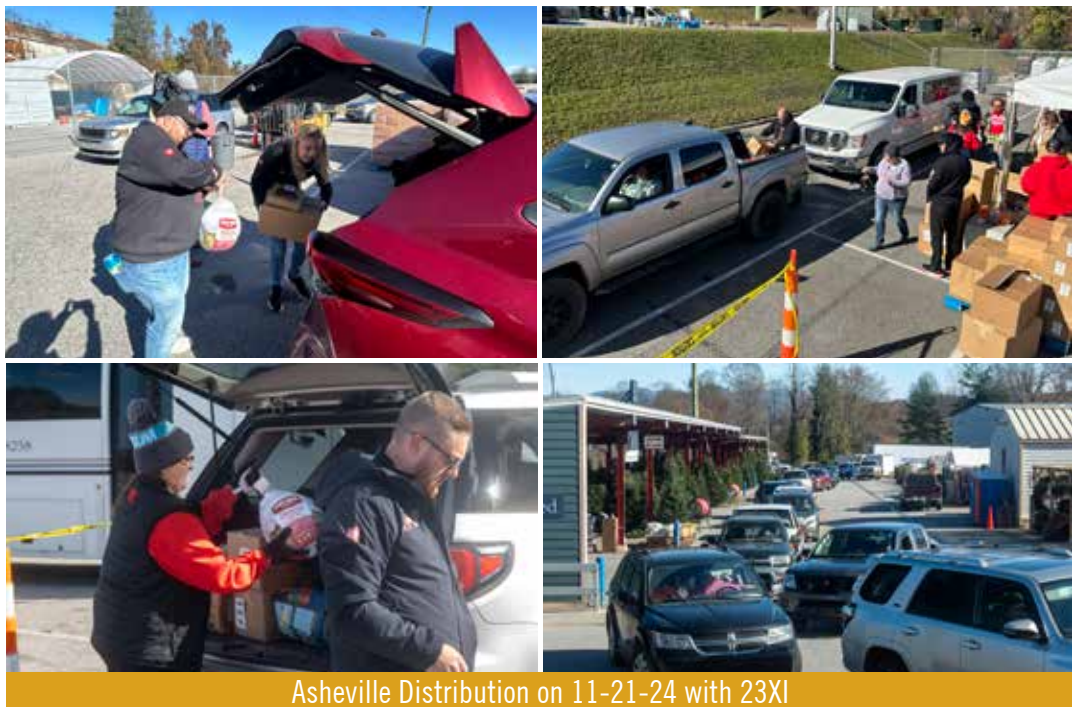


Asheville, NC Distribution on 11-21-24 with 23XI

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina has long been a disaster resource for neighboring food banks during storms. In my 21 years we have seen Irene, Matthew, and Florence. Because our region is pretty far inland, the role of Metrolina has always been to shore up the coastal regions and other areas impacted. This time was different. We saw areas in our own service territory severely impacted including Rutherford County which is home to Chimney Rock. We saw areas served by Winston Salem's food bank like Ashe and Watauga counties severely impacted. And we saw Manna Food Bank in Asheville completely destroyed by Helene.

This meant that we had to focus not only on the holidays but also on Helene. We needed to support our own counties and also step up to help Manna Food Bank. And because the Charlotte community is such a giving region, you helped us provide so many resources post hurricane. We were the first group to get food to Manna Food Bank - we were there within a couple of days after the storm. And we have continued to support them and will continue for as long as they need us.

Kay's Message



Asheville Distribution on 11-21-24 with 23XI

Also thanks to your generosity we were able to send dozens of tractor trailer loads of food and other useful items into our own impacted counties as well as those impacted in other food bank regions. As of the end of December, we had shipped close to 75 tractor trailer loads of food boxes, water, and other supplies throughout hurricane affected areas. This included almost three million pounds.

We had major donors step forward like Michael Jordan, The Charlotte Hornets, Dave and Nicole Tepper, Duke Energy Foundation, The Duke Endowment, The George Foundation, Coca-Cola Consolidated, South State Bank, The Merancas Foundation, and Food Lion Feeds. Their funds anchored huge packing events that enabled us to quickly send out tens of thousands of food boxes.



Asheville, NC Distribution on 12-18-24 with Food Lion

Kay's Message



Gaffney, SC Distribution on 10-25-24 with Nestle

And we had a host of companies, individuals, churches, foundations and organizations make donations to keep the food bank going as well as to support hurricane relief. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of folks making financial donations but also folks volunteering their time. Many of you made the decision to become monthly donors. This is a great way to have an ongoing impact. Thank you all for remembering us during the holidays and assisting us with hurricane relief.

Please remember that so many in our region are hungry, not just at the holidays, but throughout the year. And please remember that the road back from Helene is a long one and keep the hurricane impacted areas in your thoughts as we move forward. We are counting on you to help us weather this storm and to help us keep our communities fed. Wishing everyone blessings in 2025.

Sincerely,

Kay Carter - CEO



Hurricane Relief “Mini” Sort-A-Ramas



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During October and November, we held three “Mini” versions of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event at the Charlotte Convention Center to pack boxes of non-perishable foods to help feed our neighbors in need in Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. The NBA Charlotte Hornets, NFL Carolina Panthers, Duke Energy, and Coca-Cola Consolidated packed a total of 30,000 boxes between the three events.



Empty Bowls 2024



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Empty Bowls 2024

On May 17th, the Food Bank hosted our 24th 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, then Managing Editor of Lifestyle Content at WBTV News and co-host of QC Morning and QC@3 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 2025 event on March 21st. For more information visit EmptyBowlsCharlotte.org.



Sort-A-Rama 2024



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On September 19th, the Food Bank held our Ninth Annual Sort-A-Rama event with Title Sponsor, Food Lion Feeds; Presenting Sponsor, Atrium Health; Major Sponsors, Edward Jones, Equitable, and Vanguard; and Supporting Sponsors, BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, Crescent Communities, and Jackrabbit Technologies. Over 800 volunteers from our sponsor companies packed 16,000 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 learning more about Sort-A-Rama? Visit SortARama.org.



Sort-A-Rama 2024



Partner Appreciation Awards

Child Hunger Hero Awards

Feed A Hungry Child
Back the Pack
Assistance League of Charlotte
Hendrick Automotive Group
The Springs Close Foundation
Harris Teeter
Aetna
Katie Coley
Officer Carlos Valentín



Food Partner Award

Food Lion Feeds

Special Event Partner Award

Santa Shootout

Individual Volunteer Partner Award

Sheila Douglas

Group Volunteer Partner Award

Rebecca Ries - Food Lion

Youth Partner Award

Providence High School

Food Drive Partner Awards

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HOPE of Rock Hill
Washburn Community Outreach Center

New Partner Award

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Most Valuable Foods Award

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Gene Haas Foundation
Stewart-Haas Racing
Cole Custer

Anne Springs Close Legacy Award

Angie Neal - KARE Kershaw

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Carol Burdette
Perry's Diamonds & Estate Jewelry



Feed A Hungry Child



Hendrick Automotive Group



The Springs Close Foundation



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Chef's Best 2024



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Featured Celebrity Chef
Richard Blais

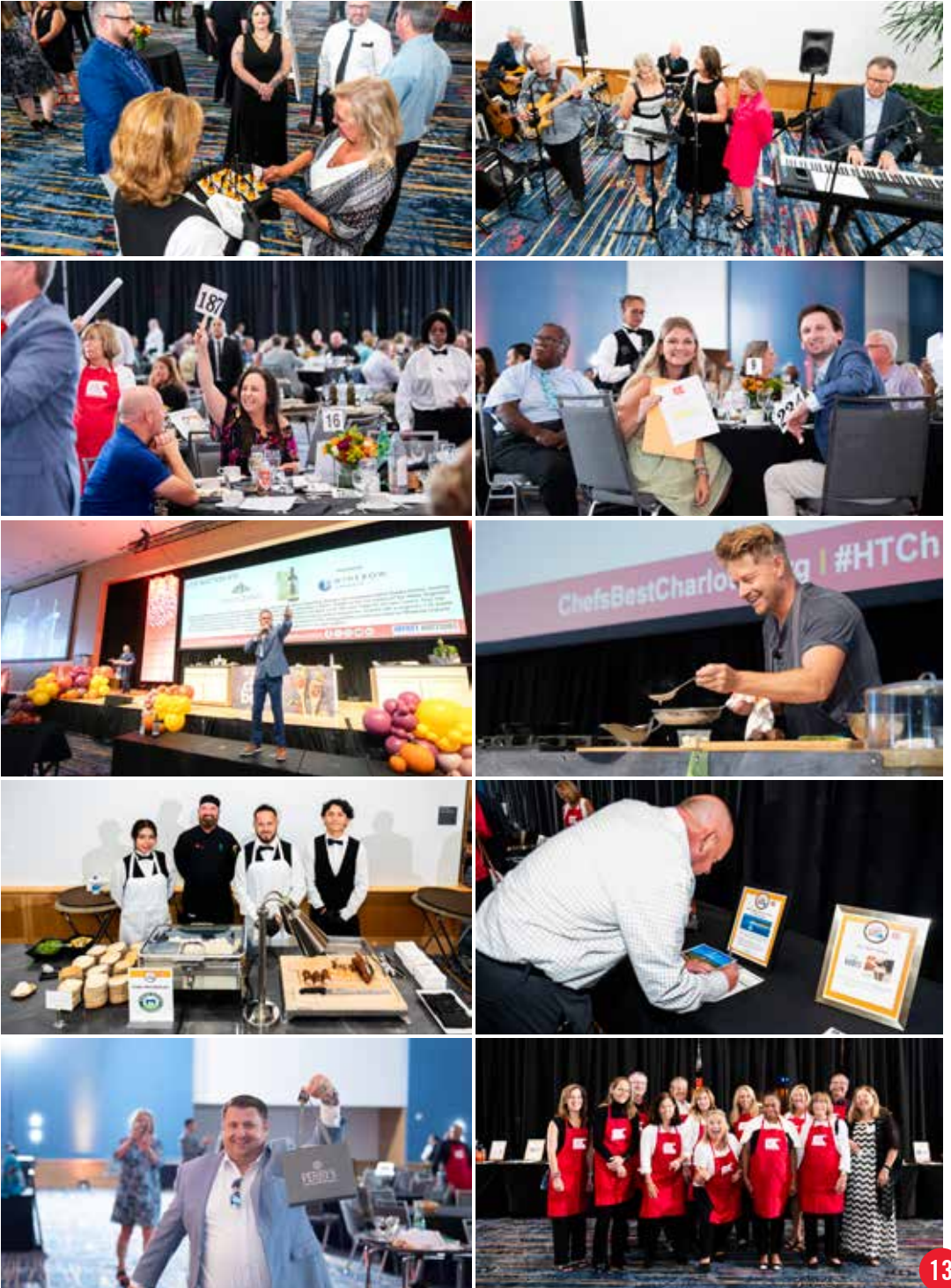


Chef's Best 2024

On September 6th, we hosted our 34th 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 Celebrity Chef Richard Blais, a silent auction and live auction. Special thanks to our additional sponsors including Cargill, the CRVA, Gallo, Encore, and Perry's Diamonds & Estate Jewelry. Also, huge thanks to our event host, Erica Bryant, with WSOC-TV, and our auctioneers, Debbie and Ron Hitzel, with Impact Auctions.

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

Mark your calendar for our 2025 event on August 8th. For more information visit ChefsBestCharlotte.org.



Letter Carriers 2024



On May 11th, the 33rd 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. Residents filled bags with 12,051 pounds of non-perishable food that was collected by the Letter Carriers in Charlotte. All of the food benefited Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.



WSOC-TV 9 Food Drive 2024



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 24th annual drive held on June 13th collected the equivalent of 6,639 pounds through food and funds donated. Special thanks to all of the Family Focus partners, including Arby's, Ashley, Dash Courier and Logistics, and E.R. Plumbing Services.



Moo, Brew & 'Que Music Festival 2024



On April 12th, 13th and 14th, 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 \$1,000 on behalf of Second Harvest. Huge thanks to AvidXchange Music Factory, Moo, Brew & 'Que Music Fest, and Tito's for your continued support every year.

WHKY Turkey Drop 2024



On November 27th, WHKY partnered with Second Harvest to host their inaugural "WHKY Turkey Drop" food drive collecting turkeys and non-perishable food. This drive collected 52 turkeys, 1,657 pounds of food, and \$2,344, all of which supported our Catawba County agencies.

Street Turkeys 2024



On November 27th, Radio One, Sports Radio 610 WFNZ hosted their 22nd 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 \$23,450 in funds, 320 turkeys, and 4,147 pounds of food split between Second Harvest and our partner agency, Nourish Up.



Cornucopia 2024



On November 13th, the NBA Charlotte Hornets and Food Lion Feeds packed 1,100 holiday boxes filled with stuffing, sweet peas, mac & cheese, corn, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. The entire Hornets team and staff along with Food Lion employees helped distribute a food box, a two-liter bottle of Dr. Pepper and turkeys to families at our School-Based Mobile Pantry at Nations Ford Elementary. Hornets and Food Lion employees also distributed these meals at our School-Based Mobile Pantries at Albemarle Road Elementary, Highland Renaissance Academy, and JH Gunn Elementary as part of our Cornucopia event. 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 2024



On November 27th, 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 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 2024



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 302 turkeys and almost \$15,000 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.



Harris Teeter Harvest Feast 2024



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On November 4th, Harris Teeter associates hosted our annual Harvest Feast Packing Event. 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 funds and food drive and were distributed to our partner agencies. Each Thanksgiving meal bag contained products for a delicious and easy Thanksgiving meal including: stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, cranberry sauce, yams, green beans, corn, and fudge brownie mix paired with a turkey.

Our annual Harvest Feast Marathon sponsored by Harris Teeter and iHeart Radio was held on November 16th and 23rd. The on-site food drive, held at the Harris Teeter stores at Stonecrest Shopping Center and Rea Farms 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 raising over \$191,000 to benefit Second Harvest.

Special thanks to:

- Clean Juice
- Crumble Cookie
- Dish it Out
- Chick-fil-A
- Chipotle



Harris Teeter Backpacking Event 2024



On March 18th, over 300 Harris Teeter “VolunTeeters” including store managers, directors, and leaders from their store support center packed 13,500 backpacks filled with items for our Child Hunger Program. These backpacks are distributed to children at our partnering schools on weekends and holidays when school meals are not available. Thank you Harris Teeter for your continued support in helping us end hunger.



Harris Teeter Peaches with a Purpose 2024



For eleven 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, which were distributed through our School-Based Mobile Pantry Programs. Thank you Harris Teeter and Titan Farms for your continued support.

Washington Fruit Growers and Harris Teeter



On July 8th, Washington Fruit Growers donated almost 80,000 pounds of apples in partnership with Harris Teeter. For every pound of Washington Apples purchased through their “Apples in Action” campaign, Washington Fruit Growers donated a pound of apples to SHFBM. Staff from Washington Fruit Growers and Harris Teeter also joined us at our School-Based Mobile Pantry at Devonshire Elementary to distribute apples and other produce along with non-perishable food boxes and protein.



Consalo Family Farms and Harris Teeter



On April 10th, Consalo Family Farms donated 16,000 bags of their delicious “little smoochies” that benefited 21 schools in several of our service counties. The following day they volunteered at our School-Based Mobile Pantry at Berryhill Elementary handing out their mandarins with Harris Teeter. They also donated another 48,000 pounds of mandarins in November as part of their Mandarins Making a Difference campaign. Thank you Harris Teeter and Consalo Family Farms for helping us feed our neighbors in need.



Joy to the Carolinas 2024



On December 17th, The David and Nicole Tepper Foundation, NFL Carolina Panthers, Harris Teeter, Coca-Cola Consolidated, and US Foods hosted the Sixth Annual Joy to the Carolinas event at Bank of America Stadium. Forty-six current Panthers players along with the Teppers welcomed over 700 children from local Second Harvest partner agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA. Each group of children was greeted by TopCats cheerleaders, Sir Purr, a Winter Wonderland entrance complete with snow, and received gifts, including winter gear, meals, Harris Teeter gift cards, and passes to Light the Knights on behalf of Coca-Cola Consolidated. Thank you for making this holiday cheerful for all of these children.



Perdue Farms Delivery



On September 27th, Perdue Farms donated 400,000 pounds of chicken to 10 food banks along the East Coast as part of its Delivering Hope To Our Neighbors outreach. These donations were part of Perdue Farms' commitment to alleviate food insecurity in its communities and coincided with Hunger Action Month. Second Harvest was the recipient of 40,000 pounds of chicken. Thank you, Perdue Farms, for your continued support of our mission to end hunger.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #7



On February 14th, we held our seventh Cole Custer's Surprise Inside, a program that was created by the Food Bank to surprise different partner agencies over a 12 month period. At Druid Hills Elementary, Cole handed out a book, milk, and a bag of cookies to each child before they sat down for a Q&A with Cole about what he loved about racing. As they left, each child received a bag of apples, strawberries and a goodie bag of Valentine's Day items. Thank you Cole Custer, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW! WOW! Waffles for your continued support.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #8



On June 18th, we held our eighth Cole Custer's Surprise Inside at York County Council on Aging in Rock Hill, SC. With the help of Cole and his team, we were able to fulfill 25 senior wish lists from participants in the Meals on Wheels Program. Each senior received a basket of laundry and cleaning supplies as well as items they specifically requested. These items ranged from new clothes, linens, appliances and furniture to assistance with groceries and bills. Thank you Cole Custer, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW! WOW! Waffles for your continued support.



Cole Custer's Surprise Inside #9



On August 16th, we held our ninth Cole Custer's Surprise Inside at Hickory Soup Kitchen in Hickory, NC. With the help of Cole and his team, we started off the morning serving a Chick-fil-A breakfast to 70 children from the Boys & Girls Club. The kids also received backpacks of school supplies. Following that, we served the daily lunch to the Hickory Soup Kitchen guests and distributed produce boxes, backpacks full of supplies, and a snack bag. We also provided 20 new bikes to their H.O.P.E Center and 80 Lowe's Foods gift cards and produce boxes to seniors at First United Methodist. Thank you Cole Custer, Gene Haas Foundation, Stewart-Haas Racing, and WOW! WOW! Waffles for your continued support.



Food Lion Feeds and NBA Charlotte Hornets 2024



On March 28th, Food Lion Feeds, NBA Charlotte Hornets Forward, Grant Williams, then NBA Charlotte Hornets Forward, JT Thor, and staff volunteered at SHFBM packing 3,000 backpacks filled with nutritious, read-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.



Josh Green at West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club



On November 26th, Josh Green, Guard for the NBA Charlotte Hornets, volunteered at West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club. Almost 200 children from the program were treated to a Chick-fil-A dinner and made Thanksgiving cards and basketball shaped Christmas ornaments for their families. Each family also received a turkey and a holiday food bag filled with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you, Josh, for your support in our mission to end hunger.



Duke Energy Harvest Hustle 2024



On October 23rd, Duke Energy volunteers gathered in Uptown Charlotte for their Second Annual produce bagging event to bundle 40,000 pounds of apples from Hendersonville, NC. These bagged apples were distributed at schools through our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Fifth Third Day 2024



On May 3rd, Fifth Third Bank was joined by NASCAR driver Chris Buescher and RFK Racing's pit crew at our Charlotte Warehouse for a day of service. They sorted non-perishable food, packed backpacks, and donated hygiene kits as part of their Fifth Third Day of Service. Overall, Fifth Third Bank logged over 100 volunteer hours throughout the month of May. Thank you for making our community a “Fifth Third” better.



Speedway Christmas Food Drive 2024



Speedway Christmas presented by Atrium Health has become a cherished holiday tradition for many families and friends. On December 2nd, 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 non-perishable items to Speedway Christmas for free admission. This fund/food drive collected the equivalent of 19,505 pounds between food and funds that were donated to Second Harvest. Thank you Food Lion Feeds and Charlotte Motor Speedway for your continued support.

BlueCross BlueShield of NC “Drive Out Hunger”



On December 2nd, BlueCross BlueShield of NC hosted their inaugural Drive Out Hunger food drive at Speedway Christmas. For a donation of 4 cans of food, attendees received free admission to Speedway Christmas. This drive collected \$2,733 and 374 pounds of food to help feed our neighbors in need. Thank you BlueCross BlueShield of NC for your continued support.

Food Lion Feeds Mini Sort-A-Rama 2024



On September 25th, we held the “Mini” version of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event at our Anderson and Spartanburg Branches. This event included almost 100 Food Lion volunteers packing 8,000 food boxes between the two branches to be distributed at local distributions in the Upstate of SC.



Hendrick Automotive Group Mini Sort-A-Rama 2024



On July 10th, we held the “Mini” version of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event at the Axalta facility in Concord, NC. This event included 250 Hendrick Automotive Group and Hendrick Motorsports volunteers packing 10,000 food boxes to be distributed at our School-Based Mobile Pantry Programs.



Atrium Health Mini Sort-A-Rama 2024



Atrium Health

On April 3rd, we held a “Mini” version of our Annual Sort-A-Rama event at the Charlotte Convention Center. This included 163 Atrium Health volunteers packing 8,000 food boxes which were distributed at our School-Based Mobile Pantry Programs.



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In May of 2024, Publix announced that the company had donated 100 million pounds of produce to food banks across their service territories. Publix began purchasing produce in 2020 at the height of the pandemic to help struggling farmers and provide additional fresh fruits and vegetables to its food bank partners. Since 2020, Publix has donated almost 5 million pounds to Second Harvest. Thank you for helping us keep our region healthy.



The Charlotte Observer's Charlotte's Best 2024



During the 2024 Charlotte's Best competition presented by The Charlotte Observer, 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.



Student Hunger Drive 2024



From March - April 2024, Second Harvest hosted our Annual Student Hunger Drive. Student leaders from each school were excited to attend a packing event on February 21st to kick off the drive where they packed boxes of non-perishable items. This year's drive collected the equivalent of 159,985 pounds between food and funds. Thank you to Ardrey Kell High School, Cuthbertson High School, Myers Park High School, and Providence High School for your participation in this year's Student Hunger Drive.

For information about the drive, contact Megan Pierce at mpierce@secondharvest.org.





Together We CAN End Hunger

Our Report Card

The Food Bank's most recent fiscal year ended on June 30, 2024. The chart below shows our performance in several key categories for the 2023-2024 year, and for the past 21 years.

GOAL	Performance in 2023-2024	% Increase Over Last 21 Years	Average Increase Per Year
Pounds Distributed	88,809,452	834%	40%
Nutritional Pounds	54,738,178	482%	23%
Volunteer Hours	317,161	924%	44%
Programs to End Child Hunger	523	1,052%*	58%
Pounds from Food Drives	11,970,322	645%	31%
Mobile Pantries Conducted	592	374%	18%
Senior Programs	18	465%*	26%

* Represents 18 Years of Growth

Granting Help to our Neighbors in Need



Thank you Arby's Foundation, for your \$10,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Thank you Cigna Healthcare, for your \$15,000 grant, which was used towards fresh produce boxes for seniors.



Thank you CVS, for your \$38,000 SNAP grant, which was used towards SNAP outreach for our SC counties.



Thank you Dabo's Foundation, for your \$5,000 grant, which was used towards food boxes in Abbeville, Anderson, Greenwood, Pickens, and Oconee counties.



Thank you Disney, for your \$15,000 produce planning grant, which was used towards our Non-Retail Produce Program.



Thank you Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation, for your \$50,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry 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 \$12,500 grant, which was used to pack produce boxes for our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program in Gaston County.



Thank you John Deere Foundation, for your \$10,000 grant, which was used towards general operations.



Thank you Lincoln Financial, for your \$43,000 and \$30,000 grants, which were used to support our Child Hunger Programs and operations.

**Cleveland County
Community Foundation**

Thank you Cleveland County Community Foundation, for your \$4,000 grant, which was used towards our Backpack Program in Cleveland County.

Granting Help to our Neighbors in Need



Thank you Merancas Foundation, for your \$150,000 and \$100,000 grants, which were used towards operations and disaster relief.



Thank you Norfolk Southern, for your \$20,000 grant, which was used to support our Backpack Program.



Thank you Franklin & Arthur Perdue Foundation, for your \$10,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry in Cabarrus County.



Thank you Publix Charities, for your \$175,000 and \$145,000 grants, which were used towards a tractor truck with a pup trailer and to install refrigeration when we open our new Hickory Branch.



Thank you Rosendin Foundation, for your \$25,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Thank you Spartanburg County Foundation, for your \$12,500 grant, which was used towards non-perishable food boxes and fresh produce boxes for our Mobile Pantry Program in Spartanburg County.



Thank you Sprouts Healthy Home Market, for your \$5,000 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Thank you Starbucks, for your \$17,484.54 and \$144,587 Food Share Capacity Building grants, which were used towards equipment for agency capacity and produce purchase.



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



Thank you Sysco, for your \$15,000 grant, which was used towards general operations.



Thank you Truist Foundation, for your \$50,000 grant, which was used towards non-perishable food boxes for our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.



Thank you T.J. Maxx and The TJX Foundation, for your \$7,500 grant, which was used to support our School-Based Mobile Pantry Program.

CANstruction 2024



Thanks to all the firms and their supporters who participated in the 2024 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 70,954 pounds of food to help hungry neighbors.

For more information on the event, contact Megan Pierce at mpierce@secondharvest.org.



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People's Choice



LaBella Associates
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Santa Express 2024



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SANTA EXPRESS!



From December 9th to December 13th, Food Bank trucks delivered fresh fruit, toothbrush kits, and school supplies for teachers and students to 19 schools in 11 counties in our service region. With 151,000 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 5,978 at-risk elementary school students**



Iron Station Elementary
Lincoln County, NC



Clinton Elementary
Lancaster County, SC



Morven Elementary
Anson County, NC



Star Elementary
Montgomery County, NC

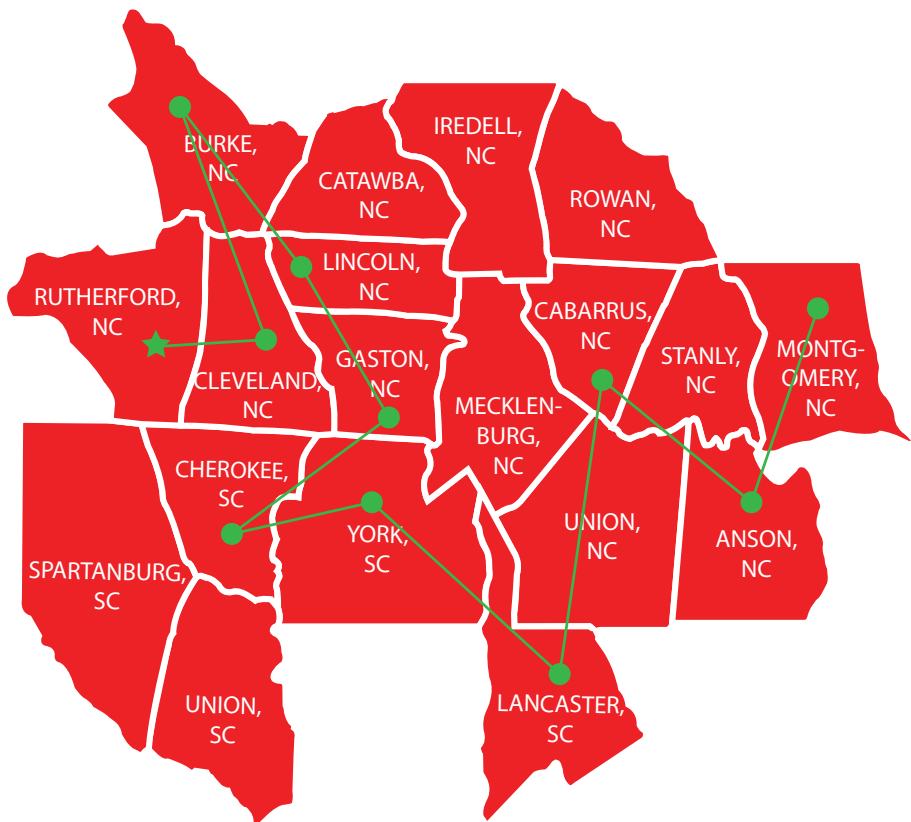


Rocky River Elementary
Cabarrus County, NC



Wadesboro Elementary
Anson County, NC

Santa Express 2024



Glen Alpine Elementary
Burke County, NC



East Elementary
Cleveland County, NC



G.E. Massey Elementary
Lincoln County, NC



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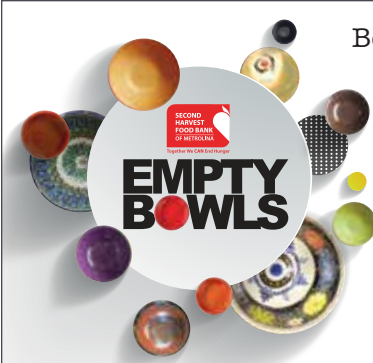


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