

# BLESSINGS

A newsletter for the supporters of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

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## MESSAGE FROM KAY

For the past several years we have used our post-holiday Blessings as a photo book recalling some of our most special holiday moments as we worked to build awareness of hunger in our region. This year's photo book is our largest one yet thanks to each of you who helped us through your financial donations, your food drives and food donations and by volunteering your time. From golfers to grocers, from chefs to churches, from attorneys to architects, from banks to bikers, from farms to festivals, from Panthers to physicians, from Hornets to hair stylists, from students to singers, from retailers to real estate agents, from engineers to electricians, and everything in between, you helped us feed so many hungry children, seniors and families.

It is my honor to be able to introduce you to a handful of the hundreds of thousands of lives you touched this year. The photos on the opposite page show a few of the real life people we had the great fortune to help this year and I want to use this message to tell you about a few other special paths we crossed. Your generosity was the difference in their lives.

My thoughts go to the little girl I met at Oak Lawn Head Start. Each year we adopt this site located right around the corner from the food bank and take supplies for the teachers and gifts for the students and food boxes and turkeys and hams for the families. This particular little girl, about 4 years old, was sitting quietly while all the other children in her class tore into their backpacks full of presents. I sat down beside her and quietly encouraged her to look in her backpack. Her eyes began to light up as she pulled out a new hat and gloves, a play make-up kit, coloring books, sunglasses and a special toy – she looked at me and asked, “Do I get to take all of this home?”

My thoughts go to the 95 year old veteran I met at one of our senior centers in York County. He has been coming to the center for years for both the food and the fellowship. He recently made the decision that he cannot drive there anymore and now he is receiving his meals on a home delivered meal route.

My thoughts go to the second grader we met at Montclair Elementary School. He had just arrived a few weeks earlier with his family from Honduras. The school staff shared with us that they had yet to see him smile, he was a very sad little boy. But when our staff handed out bags of apples to the children he was beaming. The staff was amazed but we were not – we see every day how little things we take for granted are very important to so many people in our community. This sad little boy transformed in an instant and has the biggest smile in the class photos we made.

My thoughts go to the school nurse we met at one of our highest poverty rate elementary schools in Charlotte. We met her the day we delivered fresh peaches for every student at the school. She was crying as the peaches were being rolled in because she was so excited that her kids were going to get healthy fruit that day.

My thoughts go to two of the senior ladies we met who live alone with only their beloved pets for company. For so many of us, pets are a big part of our families. For these seniors, pets provide a reason to keep on keeping on. Their pets need them

and provide valuable encouragement and companionship. These seniors receive pet food that insures their pets eat the right food for them while our seniors are eating the balanced meals delivered for them by our mobile meals programs.

My thoughts go to the husband, wife and three year old son who are homeless. The husband is at a men's shelter while the wife and young son are at a women's shelter. The husband walks two miles a day from his shelter to the wife's shelter and on to a soup kitchen just so they can have a meal together each day.

My thoughts go to the sweet senior I met while touring one of the senior housing complexes we work with throughout our region. This amazing lady had worked her entire life in cotton mills without the benefit of very much formal education. She is struggling with COPD and a variety of other health issues but she feels very lucky to be in a place where kind people check on her every day and where her meals are delivered to her every day. Her response when asked the importance of these meals was, "Oh honey, I wouldn't get one if they didn't bring me one."

I could go on and on with stories just like these if space would permit me to do that. Please don't ever doubt how much your support means to Second Harvest but especially how much it means to hundreds of thousands of people just like these you have met today. We are so grateful for your support as we move into 2016 and I wish you and your family a year of blessings.

Kay



**Thanks to you we are no longer hungry.**

Happy New Year from your grateful neighbors!





# HARRIS TEETER | CHEF'S BEST



This year's 26th annual Chef's Best Event, sponsored by Harris Teeter was held in the Crown City Ballroom at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. The dinner set a record with over \$240,000 raised for the Food Bank's Community Food Rescue Program. The July 31st event featured chefs from Fahrenheit, Blue, Lumiere and the Art Institute. Special thanks to all the chefs and our additional sponsors including Cargill, CRVA, Art Institute and E&J Gallo.



# HARRIS TEETER | CHEF'S BEST





# CORNUCOPIA WITH FOOD LION FEEDS AND THE HORNETS



On November 24, 2015, the entire Charlotte Hornets team and coaching staff, along with senior executives from Food Lion, packed and distributed 1000 Thanksgiving boxes just in time for the holidays. Food Lion Feeds provided the turkeys and all of the trimmings for the special boxes with additional donations from Coca-Cola and SC Johnson. Since 2014, the Hornets and Food Lion collectively have provided more than 35,000 meals to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and our neighbors in need.



# CORNUCOPIA WITH FOOD LION FEEDS AND THE HORNETS

"At Food Lion, Thanksgiving is a special time when we get to help millions of families enjoy a holiday meal together," said Food Lion President Meg Ham. "We know, unfortunately, some families in our home market of Charlotte have to make tough choices during the holiday season. We believe no one should have to choose between Thanksgiving dinner and paying rent, or any other necessity. That's why we are so passionate about partnering with the Charlotte Hornets to help feed those in need this holiday season."





# BANK OF AMERICA WITH GREG OLSEN AND RYAN KALIL



Bank of America®



On November 17, 2015, Second Harvest was honored to have senior leadership from Bank of America on site with two of our favorite Panthers, Greg Olsen and Ryan Kalil, to help support our child hunger efforts. Teams of BOA volunteers worked alongside Second Harvest staff, Greg, and Ryan to pack 1,200 backpacks in a very short time. This special packing event coincided with Bank of America's annual nation-wide Give A Meal Campaign. Many thanks to Greg and Ryan and all of our friends at BOA for helping us end child hunger in our region!





# CAM JAM

On November 23, 2015, Cam Newton and his entire family, again partnered with Second Harvest to provide a hot Thanksgiving meal to over 800 area children in need. The children are part of the Food Bank's Kids Café Network and were bussed to the event from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, York and Union counties. Cam as well as his mom and dad and brother, were all on hand to help serve and to help entertain the kids. Special thanks to Harris Teeter for providing 800 Thanksgiving bags complete with a full meal for every child to take home to insure they also had a great meal on Thanksgiving Day!

We all know Cam is the number 1 quarterback. We also want everyone to know he is the number 1 supporter of kids in need in our region. Thank you CAM!





# STUDENT HUNGER DRIVE



This year's Student Hunger Drive featured 16 high schools from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and York County competing to see which schools could raise the most pounds per student. The 2015 drive was the most successful yet raising 263,740 total pounds for Second Harvest and our partner emergency pantries in these three counties. The pounds raised this year have brought the six year total for this amazing youth led drive to over 800,000 pounds!

Many thanks to the schools, the students and teachers as well as all of the wonderful sponsors for this year's drive. You have made a real difference in our community!





# PUBLIX TRUCK DONATION + FOOD DONATION

## Publix®

On November 9, 2015, Publix announced that they would be donating a brand new truck to Second Harvest Food Bank along with a tractor trailer load of food. The Charlotte announcement was one of a dozen similar announcements at Feeding America Food Banks throughout the nation. In total, Publix donated 12 trucks and 1.5 million pounds of food.

"The statistics are staggering," said Carol Jenkins Barnett, president of Publix Super Markets Charities. "Hunger affects all walks of life in communities across the country. We continue to hear about the need for fresh fruits, vegetables and dairy from Feeding America member food banks. Our foundation's \$1.5 million donation will help the food banks collect, safely transport and distribute even more wholesome, perishable foods to our local communities."





# HARRIS TEETER HARVEST *feast* Marathon 2015

The 13th annual Harvest Feast Marathon sponsored by Harris Teeter and WRFX was held the two weekends leading up to Thanksgiving. The on-site food drive held at the Harris Teeter on Rea Road is one of the food bank's largest drives of the year annually collecting over 100,000 pounds to help feed the hungry in our region.

Hosted by Maureen O'Boyle of WBTV, this year's event featured new games and competitions for our media partners and our annual visit by Primrose Schools who collect thousands of pounds of food every year. Special thanks to Smart Chicken for their in store campaign that has raised over 200,000 pounds of protein for Second Harvest, to our friends at Organic Valley and OneMain Financial, and to all of the great food sponsors who helped provide product for the Thomas Davis Packing Event. Special guests this year included former Carolina Panther Colin Cole and his wife Kaye who helped organize numerous food drives that supported the overall event.





# THOMAS DAVIS PACKING EVENT

Thomas and Kelly Davis have been tremendous supporters of feeding the hungry in our community for a decade. On November 10th, Thomas, Kelly and their Panther friends converged on Second Harvest to pack 2,000 Thanksgiving bags for people in need in our region. Harris Teeter and their vendors provide all of the food for the bags and the Panthers provide the muscle.

This year's group of players included Thomas Davis, Charles Tillman, A.J. Klein, Mike Tolbert, Philly Brown, David Mayo, Fernando Velasco, Ben Jacobs, Shaq Thompson, Mario Addison, Dwan Edwards, Adarius Glanton and alumni favorite Jordan Gross along with a host of guests including wives and girlfriends. "No one should be left hungry, especially during the holidays, which is why Kelly and I look forward to the bag assembly at Second Harvest," said Davis. "We believe we all have the power to create change in our community, and are thankful for the assistance of Harris Teeter and Second Harvest to help us feed 2,000 families this year."



# WINE, WOMEN, AND SHOES

Felix Sabates  
Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte



Felix Sabates Mercedes in South Charlotte was the site for the third annual Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina's Wine, Women and Shoes Event. Special thanks go out to Mercedes, Whole Foods and SunTrust who were our major sponsors this year. Attendees were treated to an evening of great wine, great shopping and of course our Best in Shoe competition and our Fashion Show produced by Effie Loukas.

This year's event was very successful raising over \$100,000 for our child hunger programs. Thanks also to Allison Latos from WSOC TV for hosting the event.





# WINE, WOMEN, AND SHOES



# FAMILY DOLLAR | FEEDING FAMILIES, FUELING HOPE



**FAMILY DOLLAR**



On September 15, 2015, at the Second Harvest warehouse in Charlotte, Family Dollar announced the donation of 2.9 million meals to Feeding America Food Banks across the nation. The funds to support these meals were raised by customers who made donations during the retailer's "Feeding Families, Fueling Hope" campaign.

In addition to this announcement, Family Dollar associates presented the food bank with 500 filled backpacks and also helped Second Harvest recognize exemplary teachers from 7 of our partner schools. Teachers were awarded gift cards from Family Dollar to help with student supplies and items they need for their classrooms. Teachers recognized included Chantal Bircher from Berryhill, Marjorie Variano from Walter G. Byers, Isabelle Shanafelt from Nathaniel Alexander, Keyon Davis from JH Gunn, Freda Prystowsky from Devonshire, and Shawn Hickson from Nations Ford.





# COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

On September 22, 2015, East Lincoln Christian Ministry received a Pantry Makeover courtesy of Food Lion Feeds and Second Harvest Food Bank. As part of Hunger Action Month in September, Food Lion and Second Harvest staff cleaned, painted, replaced shelving and purchased new sinks, a new freezer and filled the shelves with food and non-food for this important partner agency in Lincoln County. Food Lion sponsored a total of 38 makeovers all through the states they serve.

"We are so thankful to our friends at Food Lion for choosing and providing this opportunity for East Lincoln Christian Ministry. We are happy to play a part in making some of the things on their wish list come true," said Kay Carter, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.



RHI Legacy Foundation in Rutherford County has become the Food Bank's most important partner in ending child hunger in that community. Over the past two years, this amazing foundation has helped increase the weekly number of backpacks going in to this high need county from 220 per week to 410 per week.

John Bennett, a local high school student, selected the Rutherford County Backpack Program as his senior project. John worked with his personal contacts at Truck Services to arrange the pick up and storage of the backpacks every two weeks. This is a huge cost savings for the school district there and for the Food Bank. There are so many amazing people in our region doing so much amazing work – we are proud to be partners with RHI Legacy and John.



Second Harvest partner TJX Companies called on the food bank to nominate an agency that could use some help in Stanly County. Thanks to this amazing foundation, Stanly Community Christian Ministry was honored with a \$5,000 check at the most recent new store opening in Albemarle, NC.

Thanks to our wonderful grocery partner Food Lion, we were able to surprise Backpack Ministries in Union County, NC with a truckload of most needed items for their backpack program. The food was delivered on August 6th just in time for the start of school. Backpack Ministries works with Second Harvest to distribute 1,430 backpacks each month at 4 local schools including Antioch Elementary, South Providence School, Rocky River Elementary and Western Union Elementary.



# NOVANT THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE



Second Harvest was honored again this year to be the official charity of the Novant Thanksgiving Day Parade. This is one of the most amazing events held in Charlotte and in partnership with Food Lion and Center City Partners, the food bank not only participates but gets to help feed families as well.

With the assistance of Compass Group and Food Lion, Second Harvest was able to provide turkeys with all the fixings to 500 local families that otherwise would not have had a Thanksgiving Day meal.





# SECOND HARVEST GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Second Harvest Golf Tournament was held at Gaston Country Club on October 26th. The tournament supports the food bank's child hunger programs in Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and York counties and this year's tournament raised almost \$25,000 to help feed hungry children in these counties.

## IN CHEROKEE, CLEVELAND, GASTON, LINCOLN AND YORK COUNTIES:

- Almost 118,000 people, representing 17% of the population, live in poverty.
- Almost 11,000 seniors, 11.5% of all individuals over the age of 65, live in poverty.
- Over 42,000 children, 28% of all individuals under the age of 18, live in poverty.
- Second Harvest distributed 9.8 million pounds of food and household items to 140 partner agencies in 2014-2015.
- Second Harvest sponsors 36 child and senior hunger programs.



The Gaston Gazette | www.GastonGazette.com

## Hometown

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

3 STUDENT WOUNDED AS SHOOT PUTS UNIVERSITY ON EDGE  
Police at North Carolina Central University say an argument led one student to a hospital. A 16-year-old student was shot on the edge of the campus.



Steve Chapman tees off at the second hole during the second annual Second Harvest Charity Golf Tournament on Monday at the Gaston Country Club in Gastonia. The event raises money for programs that fight child hunger in Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Cherokee and York counties.

## Charity tournament raises \$20K for area food bank

The second annual Second Harvest Charity Golf Tournament brought in some \$20,000 on Monday for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. The food bank benefits programs that fight child hunger in Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Cherokee and York counties. Harry Bryant, a platinum sponsor with his wife, Ruby Bryant, said the two are thankful for the giving nature participants displayed. "We try to do things for others who can't do for themselves," he said.

— Staff reports



From left, Joe Jackson, Ruby and Harry Bryant, Fred Jackson, Myra Jones and Eric and Jane Chapman pose for a photo during the tournament.

Tony Banks tees off at the first hole. See more photos on Page 2B.



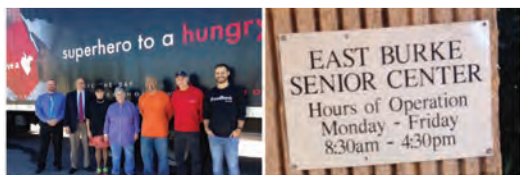
# NORTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYEE'S CREDIT UNION DONATION



The North Carolina State Employee's Credit Union has stepped up in a big way to help North Carolina food banks in their quest to end hunger in our state. In August, SECU Foundation Board Chair McKinley Wooten, Jr. announced a donation of \$1.2 million to the six North Carolina food banks to be paid out over the next three years. The donation will help the food banks collectively provide 6 million meals to hungry North Carolinians.

Wooten stated, "On behalf of SECU members, we are delighted to be partnering with the NC Association of Feeding America Food Banks to provide much needed assistance for local citizens and bring more awareness to the issue of hunger."

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina will receive almost \$270,000 over the three year period and will work to insure that a portion of the funds are spent in every one of our 14 North Carolina service counties. See the photos on this page that highlight ways the funds are already helping!





# SANTA EXPRESS



On December 7, 2015, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and Wal-Mart announced a new annual partnership called the "Santa Express." For two and a half weeks leading up to Christmas, Second Harvest trucks delivered fresh fruit, pallets of canned goods and staple items, hygiene items, socks, diapers, uniforms, school supplies, refrigerators and freezers and toys to 37 different high poverty elementary schools and partner emergency pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

The Kick Off Event for Santa Express was held at the York County Council on Aging and included a celebration of the 90th birthday of Anne Springs Close, a local philanthropist and long-time advocate in the fight against hunger in Chester, Lancaster and York counties. In honor of Anne's 90th birthday Wal-Mart helped Second Harvest distribute 9,000 bags of fresh fruit to homebound seniors and at risk elementary school students.

Between December 7 and December 23, the Santa Express powered by Wal-Mart provided the following resources to our region:

- Visited 14 different counties in North and South Carolina
- Assisted 37 different high poverty elementary schools and partner agencies in the region
- Helped provide food, toys and school supplies for 11,000 at risk elementary school students
- Distributed 9,000 bags of fresh fruit
- Distributed 2 tractor trailer loads (52 pallets) of toys
- Distributed 5,000 pairs of socks

Plans are already underway for the 2016 Santa Express. We promise it will be even bigger and better than the 2015 event!



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# HUNGER ACTION MONTH EVENTS

September is Hunger Action Month and Second Harvest Food Bank and Feeding America hosted many events to draw attention to this critical issue. Hunger Action Month is designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger and join the movement to help end hunger. In the region served by the food bank here in Charlotte, 18.1% of the population including 190,000 children struggle with hunger.



Second Harvest sponsored dozens of events to commemorate the "month." A few of these are featured below.



## ACN FOOD DRIVE:

Thanks to our friends at ACN for collecting tuna for us during their sales conference held at Time Warner Cable Arena. Their efforts resulted in the collection of almost a thousand pounds of this most needed item.



## MICROSOFT:

The software engineers at Microsoft helped us pack 600 backpacks for distribution to hungry children in our region as part of Hunger Action Month. We appreciate their support!



## NEW BACKPACK PROGRAMS:

Thanks to our partner agency Assistance League for helping the Food Bank start new backpack programs at Billingsville Elementary and Merry Oaks Elementary. A kick-off event at each school was held to announce the programs and Food Lion also provided bags of fresh apples for each student at the schools to take home. We appreciate the dedication of the Assistance League in helping us end child hunger in the Charlotte area.





# BELK BOWL



Each year Bank of America Stadium is home to the Belk Bowl which features an ACC team competing with an SEC team. For the past two years teams have worked in a trip to volunteer at the food bank while they are in town for the big game. On December 28, 2015, we were honored to have the entire teams and coaching staffs from North Carolina State University and Mississippi State University here at the food bank helping us pack 2,400 backpacks, every one of which will feed a hungry child in our region.

Special thanks to the folks from Mississippi State who also made a \$500 financial donation to Second Harvest!

# DP WORLD

On December 8, 2015, our friends from DP World, made their second major equipment donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. The Charlotte office was part of the wider Global Volunteer Week initiative ran by DP World from December 6-11. This worldwide initiative features DP World employees volunteering on multiple continents.

In addition to volunteering at the food bank throughout the year, DP World surprised us with a baler, electric stand-up forklifts and electric and manual pallet jacks. Matthew Leech, SVP and Managing Director of the Americas Region said, "At DP World, we want to build a vibrant and resilient society through investing in issues of social importance. We are committed to helping improve the lives of people in the communities in which we operate and work."



**DP WORLD**

# SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTHY CHOICES

One of the primary goals at Second Harvest is to constantly improve the nutritional quality of the foods we provide. This past year 17 million of the over 46 million pounds we distributed were produce, meat and dairy items. These are the foods most needed to stay healthy but also those individuals struggling with hunger cannot afford to purchase. We depend upon amazing partners like those on this page to help supply us with fresh produce, milk, eggs and meat.



Titan Peaches and Harris Teeter partnered again in 2015 for their third annual "Peaches with a Purpose" campaign. This year's donation took place at Second Harvest on August 26th. Many thanks to these great partners for donating 16,200 pounds of fresh peaches. These peaches ended up in the hands of at-risk elementary school students in our region as well as in emergency pantries.



In October, Perdue donated a tractor trailer load of protein packed chicken along with a \$5,000 Foundation Donation to our food bank. The funds were used to help sponsor school based mobiles at Winecuff Elementary School in Cabarrus County where Perdue is located. Many thanks to the Perdue employees who came out and helped volunteer at the mobiles!



As part of the Great American Milk Drive, Ingles Stores in Burke, Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford and Spartanburg counties encouraged customers to help provide a gallon of milk to a family in need in their community. Thanks to this great effort, over 2,000 gallons of milk were provided to families in these counties served by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.

Many thanks to our friends at Target for continuing to support the Food Bank's efforts to distribute more fresh produce into the hands of our at-risk children. Target has provided a grant to Second Harvest to supply fresh produce to students at Shamrock Gardens Elementary at least once a month. This program is currently being expanded to include other schools in the CMS district.





# TURKEY TIME



## STREET TURKEYS:

This year's annual Street Turkeys event on November 25th was the 13th annual drive sponsored by Sports Radio 610 WFNZ. Turkeys, canned goods and funds were collected all day at The Doghouse located at the corner of Mint and Morehead. Special thanks to Food Lion Feeds and to the Charlotte Hornets for their special donation of turkeys!

This year's event raised \$9,300,850 turkeys and 20,000 pounds of canned goods to benefit Second Harvest and our partner emergency pantry Loaves and Fishes.

## DAVID WEEKLEY HOMES:

Many thanks to our most dedicated turkey donators, David Weekley Homes. For 9 years, David Weekley and their partners have collected turkeys to help Second Harvest make sure every family in need has a Thanksgiving meal in our community. This year in cash and turkeys, David Weekley collected the equivalent of over 47,000 pounds!

David Weekley  
Homes



## CHEF KEV TURKEY COLLECTION:

Special thanks to Chef Kev and the Know Your Joey Foundation for donating 2,406 pounds of turkeys to Second Harvest to help with Thanksgiving meals!



# BACKPACK PACKING EVENTS

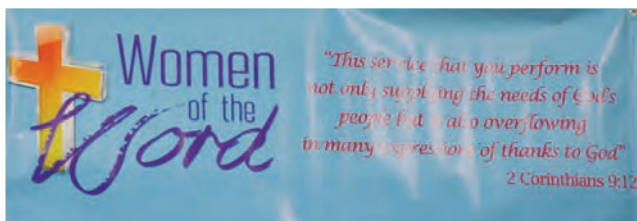
## TIAA CREF:

Thanks to our friends at TIAA CREF for providing the funds to purchase food for 1,500 backpacks just in time for the holiday season. Employees from the company also volunteered to pack all of the bags on October 2, 2015. We appreciate your support of hungry kids!



## WOMEN OF THE WORD:

Thanks to this amazing group of women for their help in packing well over 1,000 backpacks at the Second Harvest warehouse on December 2, 2015. This is the second year this group of 50+ women have supported our efforts in ending child hunger – we appreciate your support!



## FOOD LION FEEDS AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS:

On September 23rd, Food Lion Feeds and our region's human resources professionals partnered up to pack 1,200 backpacks of food for hungry kids in our region. They also made a \$10,000 donation to support backpack programs at A Better World in Mecklenburg, McAllister Elementary in Cabarrus, West Gastonia Boys and Girls Clubs in Gaston and the YWCA Old Armory and Willow Oaks in Union county.





# KIDS CORNER

On September 23rd, almost 35 children and their teachers from Myers Park United Methodist volunteered at Second Harvest to help us pack backpacks. The children are studying about hunger in their class and also wrote special notes for the children who received the backpacks. We appreciate your support!



Thanks to our friend Lexi for collecting food and funds for her 2nd birthday. We appreciate your support in feeding kids!

Thanks to our friend Riley who asked her friends to donate food for her 10th birthday. Riley and her friends collected 254 pounds to help Second Harvest feed hungry children!

Thanks to Guthrie and Sammy Sanders for their support of Second Harvest. The boys are pictured with pottery they handcrafted. They donated 50% of everything they sold raising \$170 to help the Food Bank feed hungry children.

# SPECIAL GIFTS FROM SPECIAL FRIENDS



## SANTA SHOOT OUT BENEFITS SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK:

Thanks again to all the golfers who participated in the 2015 Santa Shoot Out. This year's tournament was held again at Cedarwood Country Club and raised over \$7,500 for our child hunger programs. The group also incorporated a food drive into the event as well this year. We are so grateful for your support!



## WAL-MART PROVIDES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL MOBILE PANTRIES:

Wal-Mart is an amazing supporter of Second Harvest Food Bank including being one of

our largest food and non-food donors, a great source of volunteers, providing two board members, and providing foundation funds to support various programs. The school based mobile program has been in place at Second Harvest for over five years and thanks to Wal-Mart we will be able to expand into new schools. They recently provided Second Harvest with a \$50,000 grant to expand the school based mobile program!



## COSTCO SUPPORTS SECOND HARVEST WITH \$20,000 GRANT TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR AGENCIES:

Many thanks to our friends at COSTCO for helping us provide \$20,000 worth of institutional sized food to several of our partner agencies that feed on site. Agencies were selected in areas served by COSTCO stores. Second Harvest made special deliveries of the products to Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen in York County, Mooresville Soup Kitchen in Iredell County, and Miracle Hill Mission and Mobile Meals in Spartanburg County. Thanks for helping us feed so many hungry people!





# SPECIAL GIFTS FROM SPECIAL FRIENDS

## CAROLINA PANTHER KYLE LOVE AND FOOD LION WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT SECOND HARVEST:

Carolina Panther Defensive Tackle Kyle Love and Food Lion partnered together to collect turkeys, funds and food for Second Harvest. On November 17th, Kyle visited the Food Lion on Eastway Drive and helped us collect almost 3,000 pounds. Many thanks to Food Lion and to Kyle for their support!



## WOODFOREST BANK CONTINUES SUPPORT OF SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK:

On a continual basis, Woodforest National Bank employees perform a wide range of fundraising events benefitting the Woodforest Charitable Foundation. Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina has been fortunate to receive donations from the foundation for the past several years in both North and South Carolina. Checks were received this year in August and October totaling almost \$17,000. Many thanks to our friends at Woodforest for helping us feed so many children and seniors!



## BJ'S SUPPORTS SECOND HARVEST THROUGH STORE OPENING AND FOUNDATION GRANT:

Our friends at BJ's have been wonderful supporters of Second Harvest this year on several fronts. They provided a \$2,500 donation in conjunction with the opening of their new Midtown store in Charlotte on November 6th. They continue to provide store level donations and they have also awarded the Food Bank a capacity building grant in the amount of \$23,500. This grant was used to purchase refrigeration equipment for 41 partner agencies in areas where BJ's stores are located. The end result will be to increase the amount of fresh food that can be distributed by these partner agencies!



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GASTON COUNTY SUPPORTS SECOND HARVEST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Annually Second Harvest provides almost 3 million pounds of food to agencies in Gaston County through our branch site in Dallas and our main site in Charlotte. The Community Foundation of Gaston County has been a wonderful supporter of the food bank's capital campaign which will help us double our existing capacity and be able to provide

even more nutritious food to Gaston and our other 18 counties in North and South Carolina. To date the foundation has donated \$50,000 towards our new building. Alice Gallagher is pictured with representatives from the foundation at Second Harvest making their most recent donation. We are so grateful for your support!

# SPECIAL GIFTS FROM SPECIAL FRIENDS



## **TJ MAXX STEPS UP BIG FOR FOOD BANKS IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA:**

Many thanks to our friends at TJ Maxx, Marshall's and Home Goods for hosting an in store promotion to collect funds to help food banks in fighting hunger in their regions. Here in our region, almost \$9,200 was collected and we were also pleased to be the recipient of a foundation grant as well. We appreciate your support!



## **METLIFE SPONSORS UNIQUE FUNDRAISER FOR SECOND HARVEST:**

To celebrate moving into their new space, employees at Met Life were encouraged to participate in a very unique fundraiser. Called the Acronyms for Charity Challenge, employees were challenged to list as many acronyms as possible that applied to Met Life or to the insurance industry in general. Each one earned \$10 and when they were all done, \$4,460 had been raised to support Second Harvest hunger programs!

## **PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS HOLDS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR PEOPLE AND PETS:**

On December 2nd, PNG hosted its fifth annual food drive to benefit Second Harvest. The community food drive is the centerpiece of Piedmont's Week of Giving each year. "Sixty five percent of American households have at least one pet, and that tells us that many of Charlotte's neediest residents are also challenged to keep their pets properly nourished," said Timothy Greenhouse, managing director of community relations for Piedmont Natural Gas. "Piedmont and Second Harvest want to feed the whole family this holiday season."

This year's drive raised over 9,000 pounds to do just that – thanks to all our friends at PNG!





# SPECIAL GIFTS FROM SPECIAL FRIENDS



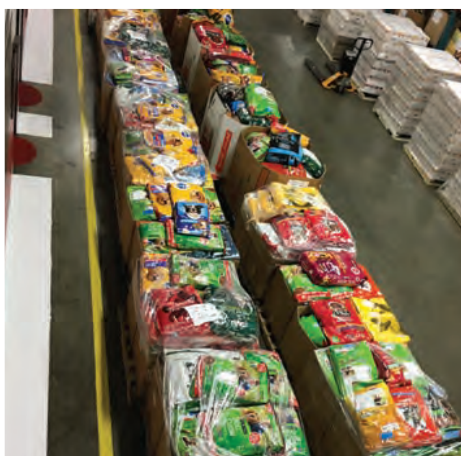
## CHICKEN SALAD CHICK FOUNDATION DONATES TO FOOD BANK:

Thanks to our friends at Chicken Salad Chick for hosting a Hunger Action Month fundraiser to benefit local food banks in six states including North Carolina. The company sold coupon books throughout September and raised over \$65,000 total including a gift of almost \$2,400 to our food bank. We appreciate your support!



## DOLLAR TREE HOLDS NATIONWIDE FOOD DRIVE FOR FEEDING AMERICA AFFILIATES:

Thanks to our friends at Dollar Tree for hosting a national food drive at all of their thousands of locations. Here in our 19 county region of North and South Carolina, our stores collected over 27,000 pounds to help us feed hungry children and seniors. We are so grateful for your support!



## PET PARADISE STEPS UP AGAIN THIS YEAR TO HELP US FEED HUNGRY PETS:

For many years, our friends at Pet Paradise have collected food for families that are struggling to feed their pets in our region. This year with the addition of their new Lake Norman site, they achieved their highest total yet, collecting over 15,500 pounds. Thank you for helping us keep pets and their families together!



# FOOD



12,419 LBS



46,205 LBS



11,172 LBS



2,302 LBS



4,795 LBS



# DRIVES

ALEXANDER GRAHAM  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

7,058 LBS

Sealed Air  
Re-imagine™

15,829 LBS

The  
Cheesecake  
Factory.

3,442 LBS

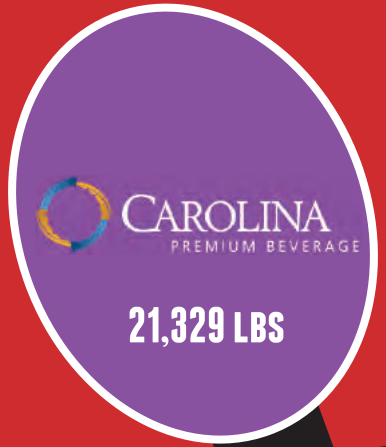
ROUSH FENWAY  
RACING

4,340 LBS

PROVIDENCE DAY SCHOOL

3,588 LBS

# FOOD DRIVES







# **HNTB**

**5,356 LBS**



**Carolina Financial**  
CORPORATION

**2,806 LBS**



**TEMPLE  
BETH EL**

**5,956 LBS**



**Carolinas HealthCare System**

**2,132 LBS**

**WESLEY HALL**

**10,929 LBS**



**3,718 LBS**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FOOD LION**



## EMPTY *the 16<sup>th</sup> annual* BOWLS

**March 10, 2016**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

[www.secondharvestmetrolina.org](http://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org)



**MAY 17, 2016**

**Bank of America Stadium**

Call **704-805-1755** for  
ticket information.

### EAT

Gourmet food sampling  
from some of the region's  
top chefs.

### DRINK

Each of the restaurants  
will be paired with a great  
glass of wine.

### MEET

Each restaurant will be  
paired with a player or  
alumni.

### SUPPORT

All ticket proceeds go  
directly to Second Harvest  
Food Bank of Metrolina.



# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



## APRIL 16, 2016

For more information  
visit [mooandbrewfest.com](http://mooandbrewfest.com)



**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**

The Fillmore Charlotte  
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An evening of sips and bites  
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**WINE & FOOD**  
**WEEKEND**  
**NOURISHING YOUTH**

**APRIL 27-30, 2016**

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