

The logo for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina features a red square with a white apple silhouette on the right side. The text "SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF METROLINA" is written in white, stacked vertically on the left side of the red square.

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Together We CAN End Hunger

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina is Ready to Assist those Impacted by Government Shutdown

Beginning Saturday, January 26th, Food Bank will Hold Drive Through Food Pantries for Impacted Federal Government Employees and SNAP Recipients

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (January 22, 2019) – The Department of Agriculture said in a January 8th statement that food service programs, including its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, were fully funded for this month and for February. About two-thirds of the almost 40 million Americans who receive benefits through SNAP are elderly, children or disabled. Many of them are also military veterans and working families. As of today, there is no date on when they will receive their full benefits should the shutdown continue into March and beyond. Others being impacted directly are the 800,000 federal workers who are either furloughed or working without pay.

“As the shutdown continues, the most important mission for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHFBM) is the same mission we carry out every day – to feed people in need” notes Kay Carter, CEO at SHFBM. “Our organization wants to reassure people who have been personally impacted that we are here to help you find the assistance you need in regards to food.” People needing food are encouraged to visit <https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/government-shut-down>. This easy to use database provides users with the location and hours of food pantries and meal sites across SHFBM’s 19 county service region.

In addition, Second Harvest will sponsor special care package food distributions each Saturday beginning JANUARY 26, 2019 until the furlough ends. These special distributions will be held from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, located at 500-B Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC. 28206. Individuals needing assistance should bring a Federal Government work issued ID and/or your EBT card.

For more information about the drive through mobile pantries or for other information, please contact Donna Ragan, SHFBM Marketing & Communications Manager at dragan@secondharvest.org.

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About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 19 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY2017-2018, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 54 million pounds of food and household items to over 700 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

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