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A PANTRY FOR ALL

By Tometrius Paxton, Senior Manager of Community Partnerships

On February 7, we launched our first ever food distribution at Santa Clara's Mission College in partnership with the Office of Student Activities. The food program will help address the immediate needs of the school's most vulnerable students who are increasingly faced with the question: "Do I pay for meals or books?"

Mission College staff have been nothing short of outstanding in their willingness to oversee this program at their campus. The school provides its own tables and tents for the distribution.

The food is organized with careful consideration, and made to emulate the shopping experience at your local grocery store. Those that attend the distribution are allowed to pick the foods that best serve their needs.

The first distribution was a huge success — 253 households were served on the very first day! We're expecting even more students and community members at the next distribution. Here's to a job well done by Rachael Goldberg and the Office of Student Activities at Mission College!

This college pantry is unique because it is open to anyone who qualifies for assistance — not only students, but also the surrounding community!



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A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Thanks to your financial support, tens of thousands of Silicon Valley families can now count on Second Harvest Food Bank for reliable access to nutritious food. **You make an incredible difference in their lives.**

The startling reality is that 1 in 3 kids in Silicon Valley is at risk for hunger. We are committed to ensuring that none of these children go to school hungry. **In addition to providing kids and their families with fresh produce, lean protein, eggs and dairy, you've helped us collaborate with schools, libraries, community organizations and government entities to make sure students have breakfast, afterschool and summer meals.**

You'll learn more about these partnerships, along with stories of the people and programs you impact daily in our 2016-2017 Annual Report at SHFB.org/AnnualReport.

We can solve this by working together. Here, in the epicenter of innovation and problem-solving, we are mobilizing the right mix of ideas, energy, capital and heart to make sure Silicon Valley is hunger-free for all.



Leslie Bacho
Chief Executive Officer,
Second Harvest Food Bank



ON THE ROAD AGAIN



In addition to providing the food, Second Harvest donated the RV to West Valley Community Services

A retired RV has found a new lease on life — delivering food to communities where it's just out of reach. West Valley Community Services is feeding people in the far corners of its service area thanks to its mobile pantry. "A lot of our clients weren't able to get to us during our pantry hours, so **we decided to bring the pantry to them,**" said Malia O'Brien, who is the mobile pantry case manager. Second Harvest provides most of the food distributed by the mobile pantry, which includes fresh produce, meat, dairy and canned foods. "Second Harvest makes it easy for us to order what we need," she added.

Easy access to food means our partner agency can focus on providing other services like helping people find housing, emergency financial assistance, and other programs that help people become more financially stable. **"A lot of our clients tell me that without our services, they wouldn't have food to eat,"** Malia said. She travels with the mobile pantry to help connect clients, particularly those who are homeless, to other services they might need. "The high cost of housing is driving many of our clients out of their homes, and we're trying to prevent that," she said.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! Did you know that each year our volunteers donate time equivalent to 163 full-time employees? We couldn't do it without them!

Our volunteers are true partners, leading the way to support our community with heart and intention. Food Bank volunteers give voice to the voiceless and hope to the desperate. They push us to innovate and get creative in the face of complexity. Their dedication and talent is awe inspiring.

"If you have a bad day and need some perspective, here's my advice: Ask one of our volunteers about what they do and why they do it. You'll quickly become inspired to join them in the fight against hunger!"

- Diane Tye Zapata
Director of Volunteer Services



"I volunteer because..."



"I've lived in San Jose my whole life. I think that Second Harvest has a direct connection with the people in this area. I believe in the goals of Second Harvest and I think that anything I can do to help them achieve those goals is something that I just need to be a part of."

- Doug

"I volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank because I believe in what they do. I enjoy getting people fed throughout the county and will do anything it takes to get the food out there."

- Huey



"I find it disappointing that in a community with as much wealth that Santa Clara County and the whole Bay Area has, that there are people who can't afford the basics of food and shelter. I've found that Second Harvest answers that need and they do it in a very kind and loving way. So I am happy to be a part of that in a very small way."

- Jane

"I think that it's really important to give back to the community and I think that Second Harvest does a really good job of providing individuals with nutritious and whole foods. I really like that aspect about them."

- Katie



"I find that Second Harvest gives me something worthwhile to do. And I'll volunteer for as long as I can."

- Ray

"I volunteer at Second Harvest because they're the best!"
- Harry



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