Your gift supplies food for families in need across Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.
OUR MISSION
To provide nourishment and hope to the hungry while engaging and empowering the region in the fight to end hunger.

OUR VISION
A hunger-free Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

Thank YOU for making a difference!

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Letter from the CEO
Dear friends of Second Harvest,

In the blink of an eye, 2019 came and went and we’re roaring into the ‘20s. At Second Harvest, we continue to evolve and work to be the best food bank we can, providing much needed support and hope for families throughout the region.

For the current fiscal year, we are on track to distribute more than 8 million pounds of product. Approximately two million of those pounds will be distributed through our mobile pantry distribution efforts and nearly 40 percent of the product we distribute is fresh produce. The focus of our efforts centered on the distribution of highly nutritious product for the families we serve.

This past year, a conscious decision was made to close our on-site pantry and focus more of our distribution efforts through the Partner Agency network and our mobile pantry. In the past, a significant percentage of our distribution was happening at one location in St. Joseph. We are now tracking monthly distribution by county against an estimated population of families in need. This transition has greatly improved the equity of our distribution efforts throughout the 19 counties we serve.

These efforts would not be possible if not for the support we receive from generous corporate entities and individuals throughout the region. Every day we see tremendous contributions from volunteers and monetary gifts; and we are proud to have the support for work we do. We are also proud to pay those efforts forward. Our organization was very honored to help facilitate a matching gift this past year to the Leavenworth Mission, one of our strongest partners in Leavenworth County for an emergency roof repair. The support received from Second Harvest helped raise $40,000 to complete this project for a critical partner in the fight against hunger in the Leavenworth community.

Finally, I want to emphasize the tremendous dedication of staff at Second Harvest that help make all this possible. We have a talented team who are some of the most passionate and caring people I have ever met. Two of our team members will be leaving us at the beginning of the year. Dona McAndrews, our Executive Assistant with more than 10 years at the food bank has decided to retire; and T.J. Bauer, our Chief Operating Officer will be leaving for eight months on a military deployment. We at Second Harvest wish Dona all the best with her retirement, and our thoughts and prayers will be with T.J. and his family during his deployment and we look forward to his safe return later this year.

Chad Higdon
CEO of Second Harvest
Community Food Bank

Monthly Fresh Mobile Pantry
Open to the general public
All begin at 10am
While supplies last
Need SNAP assistance? Contact 816.364.3663

2020
Mark Your Calendars

February
17 - Presidents Day (CLOSED)

March
Annual Fund Kick-Off
Scouting For Food (BSA)

May
9 - National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
27 - Memorial Day (CLOSED)
McDonalds’ Coaches Challenge

June
Annual Fund Wrap-Up
Canned Film Festival
No Hunger Summer

July
4 - Independence Day (CLOSED)
Hunger Action Month
Corporate Food Fight
Bluegrass Battles Hunger

August
No Hunger Summer

September
7 - Labor Day (CLOSED)
Hunger Action Month
Corporate Food Fight

October
Scouting for Food

November
14 - Mayors’ Thanksgiving Dinner
26 & 27 - Thanksgiving (CLOSED)
Turkey Day Distribution

December
24 & 25 - Christmas (CLOSED)