Read inside about how your generous donation made a difference in Carley’s life.
Letter from the CEO

As we close the books on 2018, we have a lot to be proud of at Second Harvest Community Food Bank and many accomplishments to celebrate. We distributed the most produce in the organization’s history, delivering nearly 1.7 million pounds to families in need. As far as overall distribution, we managed to provide individuals within our 19-counties with more than 4.7 million meals. Much of this success stems from our talented and dedicated staff who have been focused on finding efficiencies and improvements in our operations to support more supplemental food for families in need.

Our Fresh Mobile Pantry distributions have grown tremendously, now up to an average of 19 distributions per month. Most of these distributions are possible because of our efforts to source produce through Feeding America mixing centers; helping us deliver nutritious product in places that we were never able to reach before. Our focus on helping children is still as strong as ever through various programming efforts. This past summer we provided 67,000 meals to youth in the region through our No Hunger Summer program. And for struggling seniors, we are now distributing more than 1,300 senior boxes each month to low-income seniors struggling with food insecurity.

I sometimes am asked, “Do things seem to be getting better?” When asked this question, I assume the reference is to low unemployment rates and an economy in a better position than we’ve seen through recent recessions. We know there are still an estimated 1 in 5 families in our service territory struggling with food insecurity. For those families, whether they are seeking better employment opportunities or find themselves at a place in their life where they are not able to work, we will be here to help as best we can.

It’s been quite a year and I am honored to continue to lead Second Harvest in our goal of supporting the food insecurity needs of our region. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to another successful year in 2019.

In service,
Chad Higdon
CEO of Second Harvest Community Food Bank
Building Hunger Free Communities

**THE PROBLEM**

- Senior Food Insecurity Rate: 1 in 5
- Child Food Insecurity Rate: 18.8%
- Food Insecure Individuals: 49,000+

**THE SOLUTION**

- Nearly 370,000 pounds of food distributed through the Fresh Mobile Pantry.
- Second Harvest has opened 19 Campus Cupboards (on-site school pantries) serving youth and their families.
- Volunteers donated 19,341 hours in 2018.
- Senior Food Insecurity Rate: 13.7% within Second Harvest's 19 counties.
- 95% of all Second Harvest's expenses are attributed to food acquisition, distribution, and programs.
- For every $1 donated we provide up to 3 meals.
- Second Harvest distributed over 5.7 million pounds of food in 2018.
- Over 4,100 households serviced through Fresh Start.
- Over 3,500 children received Backpack Buddies every week.
- Second Harvest distributed 1,294 senior boxes monthly.
- Second Harvest received their 7th consecutive 4-Star Charity Navigator rating.
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What would you do if you couldn’t drive? What if you couldn’t work? What would you do if you had to live on less than $1,000 a month? How would you make it if you couldn’t see? All of these are factors that Carley Popplewell attempts to overcome on a daily basis in order to provide for herself.

Carley is a 30-year-old woman from Dekalb County, MO who deals with food insecurity every day. She battles with continued vision loss, along with limited mobility, which makes getting around to obtain food for herself virtually impossible without assistance.

“With being legally blind, I can’t drive obviously,” Carley said, “just finding a ride to the store makes it very difficult to get the food I need.”

Transportation is an ongoing obstacle. With donor support, Second Harvest continues to improve upon meeting this need to assist individuals who are food insecure. Programs — such as the Fresh Mobile Pantry — have been created to distribute food within the communities of Second Harvest’s 19-counties. In addition to Second Harvest’s on-site food pantry, Fresh Start and Partner Agencies within the counties feed individuals just like Carley who are in need.

“With the mobile pantry bringing food closer to my doorstep, it is a lot easier to get food,” Carley said. “It takes away some of that stress in my life.”

Hunger has no bias, no face, no gender, or race. It affects over 49,000 individuals within our area each day. Food insecurity is a problem within Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas that we all can work together to end.

Your generous donation made a difference in Carley’s life.

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Thank You, Major Donors

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February
18 - Presidents Day (CLOSED)

March
1 - Annual Fund Kick-Off

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

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

July
4 - Independence Day (CLOSED)  
Canned Film Festival  
No Hunger Summer

August
No Hunger Summer

September
2 - Labor Day (CLOSED)  
Hunger Action Month  
Corporate Food Fight  
Blue Grass Battles Hunger

November
28 & 29 - Thanksgiving (CLOSED)  
Mayor’s Thanksgiving Dinner  
Turkey Day

December
24 & 25 - Christmas (CLOSED)