



Second Harvest Food Bank

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Of Central Florida

America is unique in the world for the vastness of its many resources. Fortunately, one of the most basic of these resources is food for our tables. Almost paradoxically, however, one in every 10 of our neighbors is at risk of being hungry at some point during every year. Nearly half of these people are children. Although there is plenty enough food to *feed* all our people, a full 10% find that their personal circumstances prevent them from being able to *pay* for enough food.

Fortunately for most Americans, thousands of nonprofit feeding programs exist to help these individuals and families in need. In Central Florida alone, there are hundreds of emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, and other important outreach programs.

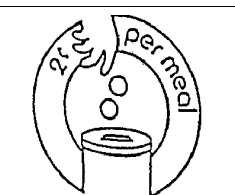
The Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is a vital part of the hunger alleviation mission of more than 450 nonprofit agencies throughout 11 east central Florida counties. Now in its 25th year of service, the Food Bank works to provide agencies with millions of pounds of our nation’s “extra” food each year, so that many more people can be helped than would otherwise be possible. This was a record year in which the Food Bank distributed 18.7 million pounds of food—enough for 12 million meals—to agencies on the front lines of hunger relief.

The Second Harvest Food Bank is a model of collaborative effort, marshaling the caring resources provided by hundreds of food industry donors, financial donors, nonprofit agency partners, volunteers, congregations, and others. The old adage that “it

And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answered them saying, He that has two coats, let him give to him who has none; and he that has meat, let him do likewise.
Luke 3:10-11

takes more than food to feed the hungry” has never been more true than it is today.

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WHO RECEIVES EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE?

Partner agencies served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida provide food for a broad cross-section of households.

- 21% of the members of households are elderly
- 32% of households include at least one employed adult
- 96.8% of all members of pantry client households are U.S. citizens.
- 56% have incomes below the official federal poverty level during the previous months.
- 16% are homeless
- About 42% of clients are non-Hispanic white, 49% are non-Hispanic black, 7% are Hispanic, and the rest are from other racial or ethnic groups.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

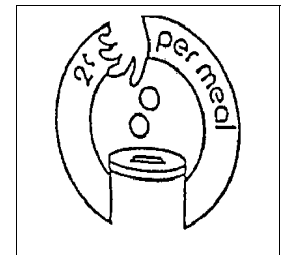
- 49.5% of the client households are single-person households.
- Among client households with children, 45.1% are single parent households.
- 24.1% of the client households have at least one member younger than age 18.
- 9.1% of the client households have one or more children ages 0 to 5 years.

CHOOSING BETWEEN FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES

- 31% of clients served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.
- 26% had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage
- 4% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

- 3.2% of the clients do not have access to a working telephone.
- Nearly 40% of the clients do not have access to a working car.



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