



Second Harvest Community Food Bank **factsheet**

Second Harvest Community food bank serves nearly 13,000 people each week through Partner Agencies as well as many direct-service programs.

Established

September 21, 1981

Mission

Second Harvest Community Food Bank's mission is to serve the hungry in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas through advocacy, education and food distribution.

Vision

The vision of Second Harvest Community Food Bank is to build hunger-free communities in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas by nourishing our neighbors.

Values

Respect	Partnerships	Integrity
Accountability	Responsiveness	Perseverance
Commitment		

Executive Leadership Team

Chief Executive Officer David Davenport
 Chief Operating Officer Tamara Grubb
 Chief Development Officer Rachel Graves

Our History

- July 1981: First meeting of what came to be our organization
- September 1981: Certificate of Incorporation issued as Harvesters Food Bank of St. Joseph, Inc
- 1982: Our first name change. We became the Mo-Kan Regional Food Bank
- 1994: We moved to our current location at 915 Douglas
- 1996: A 500 square foot cooler was added and 2,000 square feet of freezer space also added
- 1997: Changed our name to Second Harvest Food Bank/ Mo-Kan Region
- 1999-98: Harvest House opened its doors
- 2000: We became America's Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph

Food Distributed
in 2010:
4.6 million lbs.

We're efficient:
For every \$5
donated, we can
provide nearly
15 meals to
those in need.

Did you know?
96 percent of
resources
donated to
Second Harvest
go directly to
food acquisition,
distribution and
programs.

- December 2004: American Family Insurance gave Second Harvest the largest donation in our history, \$50,000
- January 2010: Went through a major re-branding and our name became Second Harvest Community Food Bank
- September 2011: Second Harvest celebrated its 30th anniversary

Hunger Facts

- Nearly 52,000 individuals in our region are considered food insecure
- In our region 20,000 kids (1 in 4) are food insecure
- Nearly 35% of Second Harvest members have to choose between buying food or medicine
- Seniors make up 20% of those we serve
- Of the households we serve, 60% include at least one working adult

Our Programs

Backpack Buddies: A weekend supplemental feeding program for school-aged children was launched in 2003. For the 2011-2012 school year the program is serving 2,500 children in 15 counties. We are serving nearly 18,000 meals a month through this program.

Harvest House: Last year we distributed 1 million pounds of food and served 9,000 individuals. Our pantry is open five days a week. Members are able to acquire Yellow Cards & SNAP benefits during these times as well. Harvest House is currently in transition to become a Community Food Center model.

- Monday 11:00 - 2:00
- Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00
- Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00
- Thursday 3:00 - 6:00
- Friday 9:00 - 12:00

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior Boxes): The program is funded through the government and is distributed to eligible seniors every month. Second Harvest provides 775 boxes to seniors across Northwest Missouri.

Kids Café: The Kids Café® program started in 2005 and provides a nutritious, hot meal each weekday for children after school and during the summer months. Kids Café® is located at the Bartlett Center and serves up to 25 children. These children have been identified as not receiving an evening meal at home.

The Garden: In 2001, community members approached Second Harvest about starting a garden for individuals or families who utilize Second Harvest. The Garden has 24 raised beds and fruit trees for volunteers to plant and harvest fruits and vegetables that are used in Harvest House.

Close the Gap: Created to provide better access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps). The cornerstone of the program is that we are providing access to enrollment in the SNAP program throughout our region through the assistance of two fulltime Food Security Coordinators.