Hello Friends,

2015 is here and we are looking forward to what it may hold. Our planning looks like another year similar to 2014 in estimating we will distribute between 9 and 10 million pounds of food. We have a great staff of dedicated people who are committed to our mission of helping to alleviate hunger in East Central Indiana. We have developed a list of items that will need repaired or replaced this year, so some capital projects will be in order. Food procurement will continue to be an important piece of our strategy. Volunteers and all the effort they provide have always been the key to getting done the work completed for food distribution to tens of thousands of people who are looking for the meal gap solution they face on a weekly basis.

We have a new partnership that was established last year with the Purdue University School of Technology located at the Flagship Enterprise Center in Anderson. The relationship was brought together by our mutual friends from Old National Bank. Purdue has developed two courses for students majoring in Industrial Technology and Second Harvest Food Bank is their live laboratory for the students to complete their course work. The college students are working in teams focusing on current logistics, warehouse operations and helping to develop new distribution models. These are exciting initiatives!

Through the work the students are doing they are reaching out to organizations and businesses who can provide equipment, software, creative thinking and new relationships to address some of our hurdles. These are real life challenges the students may face in an Industrial Engineering career. The fall semester work completed in 2014 will be picked up by the new class in the spring semester to forward the projects toward completion as new ones are being developed. This partnership has some long-term value for both organizations.

I will keep you posted on our progress as we progress into the year.
Have a great 2015!

Tim Kean
President & CEO
Hunger is an issue that increases every year, with more and more people reaching out to food pantries to get help. One of the places that aims to help the community is a small food pantry called The Well, located in Grant County. The Well serves Jonesboro, Gas City and Mill Township. While not the largest food pantry, it does what it can to help those who are food insecure.

The Well serves people in the community on a volunteer basis. Established in 1982, it is able to keep going through the help of many different organizations. There are 12 churches in the area that assist in collecting not only food, but also secures volunteers and monetary donations. In addition to Second Harvest, the food pantry purchases items from local grocers and specifically those on sale are purchased as much as possible.

Priscilla Innocent, treasurer of The Well, has had great experience with this organization. Now retired from Indiana Wesleyan University, she volunteers her time at The Well in order to give back to her community. “We currently have 523 registered households and about 150 of those come every month,” said Innocent, “Our busiest month was July 2014 when we had more than 400 people visit.” When asked about the most challenging thing about operating The Well, Innocent said, “We operate on a volunteer base and our hours make it difficult for volunteers to work since we’re only open four hours a week.”

The Well operates on a point system, which is determined by family size of those in need. The point system also correlates with TEFAP (Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program) guidelines of income. Priscilla explained, “We focus on assisting to alleviate hunger; however, we are not supposed to be an outlet for an entire month of food.” Many of the individuals seeking assistance at The Well are single elderly people with Social Security as their only source of income. However, due to rising costs of education, they are providing food to people out of high school and even college that cannot afford to eat due to the lack of jobs in the area.

When asked about the importance of food pantries, Priscilla indicated that the was the economy was the reason for the rise in hunger insecurity. “There is not enough money being made to support families that come into The Well and clients will return for many years to come. Food pantries are needed but they do not solve the problem completely.”

For more information about The Well, visit either Monday from 9-11 a.m. or Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at 2111 E. Old Kokomo Road in Marion.
Bill Harmon gives back to the community by volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank helping with the donation data entry process. His responsibilities include inputting donation information in the online file and sorting the mail.

Also, he helps to separate donated goods in the warehouse. “Not many people understand that most of our donations come in bulk,” said Harmon. “Many Second Harvest donations come from local grocery stores and arrive on pallets that need to be broken down into more manageable sizes.”

Also, he used to help out at tailgates and was always intrigued in seeing the amount of people that came out - both to serve and to receive donations. “You never know what’s going to be given out at the tailgates,” said Harmon.

Since Harmon is retired, he volunteers often to help others and makes himself more available to Second Harvest, especially if they need extra help. “It lets me meet people and I just enjoy doing it,” said Harmon. He occasionally brings food donations such as tomatoes from his garden in the summer when they simply have too much produce at home.

“The number of people unemployed makes Second Harvest a necessity for some,” according to Harmon. He considers himself to have been very fortunate in his life and gives back by volunteering.

You can Leave a Legacy TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUNGER

Have you thought about naming Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana as a beneficiary in your estate? Three of the easiest ways are listed below: wills and living trusts, life insurance, and retirement plans. There is no better way be remembered and no better gift to leave behind. Your legacy in this regard is easy to create and can cost nothing to establish. In fact, doing so may save your estate a great deal in taxes.

Wills & Living Trusts
Including Second Harvest Food Bank in your Will or Living Trust

This is one of the easiest ways to make an important difference in the lives of those who suffer from hunger. It’s generally as simple as adding a brief statement to your estate documents. While this type of gift creates no immediate tax benefits, it will be completely tax...
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deductible for estate planning purposes. The gift is revocable, so you can change your mind at any time should your circumstances change.

- Allows you to specify exactly how you would want like to distribute your assets. You can make a specific bequest by identifying a specific parcel of real estate, stock or other clearly defined item.
- You can make a cash bequest of a specific percentage of your estate after all other bequests and settlement costs are satisfied.

**Life Insurance**

*Name Second Harvest Food Bank as Owner and Beneficiary of an Existing Insurance Policy*

A life insurance policy may provide a way for you to make a much larger contribution to alleviate hunger you ever thought possible. As your life evolves, so may your need for life insurance. You may now be in a position to:

- Name Second Harvest Food Bank as the recipient of all or part of the proceeds of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for family protection.
- Contribute a paid-up policy during your lifetime, resulting in a charitable deduction for an amount approximately equal to your policy’s cash surrender value.

**Retirement Plans**

*Name Second Harvest Food Bank a Beneficiary on any of your Retirement Plan Accounts*

Many of you have save diligently for retirement through various tax-deferred retirement plans. Though each have their own rules, they all share one very unattractive feature. They are subject to both estate and income taxation at death. Since a vast majority of your retirement plan assets could be paid to the government in the form of taxes. By leaving Second Harvest as a beneficiary of all, or a percentage of, your retirement plan assets you know your assets will be used to feed food insecure individuals in your county.

For more information, please contact Karen McTague, Director of Development, at kmctague@curehunger.org or 765-287-8698 Ext. 113.

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