Having completed a decade of serving at Second Harvest, I look back and see that a lot of progress has been made; but I also look forward and see that much is still needed before we can celebrate ending hunger in our community.

10 years ago the “great recession” had started and thousands of people were impacted by a loss of their job, or other uncertainties. Just five years ago studies showed that 25 million meals went missing each year. Back then we were able to provide about 12 million meals; or 48% of the total number of missing meals.

Despite the uncertain economic times, supporters of Second Harvest continued to make helping those facing hunger in our community a priority. Your support allowed us to add programs aimed at specific populations hardest hit by food insecurity, work with distribution outlets to improve their ability to serve more people in need, find new sources of donated food and raise the awareness of hunger in our community.

The question is, have we moved the needle towards meeting more of the need in our community? YES! This year, Second Harvest was able to fill 64% of the total number of missing meals in our community!

The progress that has been made is thanks to the incredible generosity of so many who support our neighbors struggling with hunger through a gift of money, food, time or voice. Thanks to you more access to healthy, nutritious food is being provided than ever before. Thanks to you we continue to invest in innovative solutions to address hunger. Thanks to you we are mobilizing the public to take action by increasing awareness of the problem. And finally, thanks to you, many people are no longer going hungry in our community.

On behalf of the many we have the privilege to serve, thank you!

Dan Stein,
President & CEO
After I pay my rent, electricity and other bills, what's left? You know, not much for food. I'd be eating much less than I do now if it weren't for this. This is a true blessing.

Diane

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin works with more than 200 partner agencies and programs to end hunger in southwestern Wisconsin.

one food pantry makes a difference
The food pantry is such a blessing. I am eating for two now, and I can’t tell you what it means to know I will receive a good meal that will fill me up. Not only that, it’s providing the nourishment my baby needs to be born healthy.”

Kadeza
2,785 FoodShare applications and recertifications were processed, resulting in 1.6 million meals from our FoodShare Outreach.

“This means we get to have a nice meal as a family, which we wouldn’t be able to afford otherwise.”

Crystal
“My husband has diabetes and my son is a growing teenager. Because of the food pantry, I don’t have to worry every month. I know I’ll have enough healthy food for my family and enough money to cover our bills.”

Yesenia

117,000 pounds of food were distributed through 3 pantries located directly in local schools.
"I recently left my ex-husband. He was abusive to my daughters and me. When we were suffering from abuse, food was withheld from us and we often didn’t get enough. I didn’t want my children to feel like that again."

"It feels good, as a mother, to know your children will come home from school, open the fridge, find something there and be able to eat when they are hungry. During meals, they smile and laugh, and I know food is now something that brings comfort instead of fear."

Anja
“Our income just isn’t enough. We’d have to cut bills without the pantry. It’s feeding my family. It’s keeping us healthy.”

Blanca

11,559 meals were served to an average of 1,371 kids each month through our Kids Cafe Program.
It’s a good thing I started coming here this winter. Because with my electrical and heat bills being really high, money is pretty scarce.

— Ed

107 people participated in our Diabetes Wellness Program.

200 nursing and medical students learned how to sensitively screen their patients for food insecurity.
one healthy meal makes a difference

“*It’s been a big help. We’re very grateful for the food.*”
Manny

FY18 SUPPORT
$34.1 MILLION

- **78%** DONATED FOOD
- **16%** CONTRIBUTIONS
- **5%** FOOD MAINTENANCE FEES
- **1%** OTHER
FY18 EXPENSES
$33.5 MILLION

95% PROGRAMS

3% FUNDRAISING

2% GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

“Having the pantry as a lifeline took an incredible load off. It’s helping us face this new reality we’re living in now.”

Stephanie

Ending Net Assets
$11,741,112

Based on audited financial statements ending June 30, 2018. Figures include cash value of donated food in addition to actual financial revenue and expenses.

Thank you to our Board of Directors (as of June 30, 2018): Mark Thompson (Chairman), Luke Hutchins (Vice Chairman), Vicki Villacrez (Treasurer), Margaret Utterbach (Secretary), Sierra Beckles Young, David de Leon, Aaron Girard, Justin Hart, Jay Myrick, Beth Norman, Sverre Roang, Bill Westrate