ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023 • JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

Fiscal year 2023 – which ended on June 30, 2023 – was full of challenges, unforeseen obstacles that needed to be overcome, and, most importantly, steadfast resolve to meet the historic levels of need in southwestern Wisconsin. From our staff, vendors, and partner food providers to our donors and volunteers, we all came together to be there for those in our community who struggle with hunger.

Over the last 37 years, Second Harvest has distributed millions of pounds of food every year, but never more than the 22.9 million pounds we distributed in FY23. The days we distributed 100,000 pounds of food or more became the norm rather than the exception. And the number of times I heard from our network of food providers that they were supporting record numbers of people became too numerous to count.

What FY23 has reinforced is that food banking is not only changing but is also critically important to the communities we’re here to support. We need to constantly adjust to make sure we’re able to meet the needs of the nearly 100,000 people in southwestern Wisconsin who don’t always know where their next nutritious meal will come from. Through your ongoing support, we are adapting and innovating to ensure that everyone in our community has enough nutritious food to thrive.

Thanks to you, we continue our work towards achieving our strategic plan of engaging collaborators, strengthening our network, equitable food distribution, sourcing and acquiring nutritious food, and collecting and better utilizing data to inform our decisions.

For your trust in us to provide nutrition security and food equity to everyone in southwestern Wisconsin, thank you!

-Michelle

19.7 million meals provided through our food distribution and FoodShare Outreach efforts.

38% of the food we distributed this year had to be purchased to meet a growing need.

49,993 hours of volunteer time donated to Second Harvest. That’s equal to 24 full-time staff!

53% of the food we distributed was fresh produce, dairy, or high-protein foods.
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