

Engineering Food Drive

October 17 - November 17, 2009

This year, the Joint Engineers Food Drive will be providing assistance to the **Second Harvest Food Bank**, which has been feeding the hungry and providing assistance to the needy for 30 years. Today, the Food Bank is the repository for food to more than 400 sharing agencies across Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. Over the last couple of years, the number of clients needing emergency food assistance has increased dramatically. The problem of hunger persists because the population known as the working poor continues to grow. They work for minimum wage and struggle to meet all of their financial responsibilities. Often, they must choose between feeding themselves or paying rent. **Your charitable donations can help alleviate the growing need for those displaced by natural disasters and recent economic troubles.**

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida is to distribute food and grocery products to hungry Americans and to educate the public about the causes and possible solutions to problems of domestic hunger.

Second Harvest is the link between surplus food and agencies serving children, families, individuals and senior citizens in need. The majority of surplus food would be thrown away without this link. Financial contributions from individuals, businesses, and special events such as Taste of the NFL enable Second Harvest to rescue and store donated food for pick up by 500 nonprofit organizations in 18 counties.

These organizations, which include homeless shelters, senior centers, youth and adult daycare facilities and church pantries, save millions of dollars each year by making use of the Second Harvest Food Bank. This allows agencies to spend more money on services to individuals in Jacksonville and surrounding areas and meet more than just basic needs.

The Food Bank serves nonprofit agencies in the following 18 counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union.

The **Second Harvest Food Bank** accepts canned goods, food products and grocery products. Some suggested items for donation are listed below:

Canned Goods

Vegetables
Fruits
Tuna Fish

Toiletries

Toothpaste
Deodorant
Soap

Dry Goods

Rice
Beans
Cereal

Hair Care Products

Shampoo
Conditioner
Combs/Brushes

Baby Products

Diapers
Baby Food
Formula

Paper Products

Toilet Tissue
Napkins
Paper Towels

Donations will be collected at the
November Joint Luncheon

Questions? Contact Richard LeBlanc @ 904.598.8927 or richard.leblanc@hdrinc.com

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