

# Happenings

a newsletter  
for member agencies

## Second Harvest network distributes thousands of Family Boxes in five counties

In February, the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida began distributing 3,000 Family Boxes at no cost to its member agencies through a \$110,000 grant provided by The Community Safety Net Fund.

The Community Safety Net Fund is a short-term emergency funding pool supported by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund and private donors. Housed at The Community Foundation in Jacksonville, it is intended to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations that are considered the community's 'Social Safety Net' for people in need - specifically ones that provide food, shelter, clothing and assistance paying rent and utilities.

A maximum of 400 boxes are distributed each week until the boxes have been exhausted. Member agencies are given one no-cost Family Box for each 35 pounds of food they "share" at the Food Bank - up to a maximum of 14 boxes per week. The concept of the grant from the Safety Net Fund is to move additional food into the community, above and beyond what agencies would normally provide.

The Family Boxes are going to more than 300 eligible food pantries in a five-county area - Baker, St. Johns, Duval, Nassau and Clay. In addition, Second Harvest is also purchasing bulk quantities of critical food supplies for distribution to local soup kitchens that serve hot meals on site - agencies such as the Salvation Army.

► See complete story and updates at <http://www.WeNourishHope.org/news-and-events>

### KIDS CAFE UPDATE: Summer Meals

Kids Cafe will begin mailing information for training and applications for the Summer Lunch Program in March. The program is designed to provide children hot and nutritious meals during the summer months while school is out. SHFB provides all food and beverages, paper products, serving utensils and disposable gloves at no fee. If your organization is interested in



A staff member from The Bridge loads one of the Family Boxes that will be distributed over a two-month period thanks to a \$110,000 grant from the Safety Net Fund.

participating or would like more information, please call Sandy Manasco, 904.353.3663, ext. 238. Training will be held in three sessions to accommodate conflicting schedules.

### PRODUCT RECALL INFORMATION

- Sweet Life – Brownies, Bars, Cookies, Pies, Tartlets, Rice Treats, Cheesecakes, Tortes, Silks and Cakes (2/25)
  - Maxfield Candy Co. – All Peanut Cluster Products (2/25)
  - Roth's IGA Foodliner, Inc. dba Roth's Fresh Markets Honey Roasted Peanuts, Self-Serve Grind Peanut Butter, Trail Mixes, Mocha Marble Crunch Mix, and Zen Party Mix (2/24)
  - California Firm - Chicken Bouillon Products
  - Dairy Fresh – Half-Gallon Containers of Southern Home Tin Roof Sundae Ice Cream (2/20)
  - Dean Foods of Decatur – Half-Gallon Containers of IGA Tin Roof Sundae Ice Cream (2/20)
  - Mixed Nuts Inc. – Premium Orchard Rainbow Trail Mix (2/17)
  - National Raisin Company – Selected Lots of Champion and Private Label Brand Trail Mixes (2/17)
  - New Seasons Market – Bulk Peanut Butter (2/12)
- See <http://www.fda.gov> for more information and a list of recent recalls

### Second Harvest Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs ..... 7:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Fridays..... 7:15 a.m.-noon

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### New Agencies

A.L.L. Focus Group Home, Jacksonville  
Clay Hill Church of God, Middleburg  
Thomas Creek Baptist Church, Callahan

### Upcoming Events

Canstruction, March 2-12, 2009  
National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive, May 9, 2009  
► See additional events at <http://www.wenourishhope.org/news-and-events>

## What do employees do when they can't afford both gas and food? They drive to work hungry.

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



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## 2009 HUNGER STUDY HELPS AGENCIES SHOW NEED

By **Sandy Manasco**  
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Hunger in America 2009 is the fifth national hunger study conducted by Feeding America. The purpose of the study is to conduct extensive research into the distribution of food assistance services to low-income Americans through our network of agencies.

The Hunger Study has been cited as authoritative research results by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, House and Senate Budget Committees, House and Senate Agriculture Committees, and the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

Questionnaires have been mailed out. Please take 15 to 20 minutes of your time to complete the form and return it according to the instructions provided.



In addition to the survey, your agency may be selected by a third party data analysis firm (Mathematica Policy Research) for an on-site visit at your program site(s). Properly screened and trained Food Bank staff and volunteers will interview your clients about their household structure and the food needs of their families. All answers to questions (yours and your clients') are kept completely confidential. Client surveys will be conducted in March and April of 2009.

Your participation in this study is very important. Survey data will help Food Bank staff, our elected officials, and the community understand the role your organization plays in providing food assistance to those in need in our community.