

## HUNGER IN ALAMANCE COUNTY



#### IT STARTS WITH POVERTY & ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Too many working families in Alamance County live one unforeseen expense away from hunger. For many others, their working years are behind them, and their fixed incomes have not kept up with the cost of living.



16% of residents live in poverty NC: 15.4%

#### INCOME

**42**%

of residents are low income (\$48,600 or less for a family of four).



24% of children live in poverty NC: 21.7%

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

53%

of renters pay more than 30% of their income for housing NC: 50.6%

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#### **HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

14%

of residents do not have health insurance NC: 13.2%





21.4% of children (7,650) are food insecure NC: 20.9%

#### - DID YOU KNOW?

18% of food insecure residents do not qualify for Food and Nutrition Services assistance

**20%** of food insecure children do not qualify for federal child nutrition programs

of children attending public schools qualify for the National Free and Reduced School Meal Program



of eligible children access

only 9% federally funded Summer
Food Service Program sites

The inability of people to consistently afford enough food for their household harms children, working adults, seniors, and people with disabilities. It harms the health and productivity of individuals and families, and it harms the ability of our community to fully thrive.

The future that Second Harvest Food Bank envisions is one where hunger is a thing of the past.

#### **FEEDING COMMUNITY IN ALAMANCE COUNTY**

24 on-the-ground partners serving Alamance County count on Second Harvest Food Bank for food and other support services for their programs. Partner programs include food pantries, community soup kitchens, shelters, and special meal programs for children, adults, and seniors.

In FY 2017-2018, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC's local partners in ALAMANCE COUNTY received:

More than 2 million meals -> 2.4 million lbs. of food saving \$4,062,722 in food acquisition costs.

Learn more about our work and how we are #feeding health, #feeding futures, #feeding opportunity, and #feeding change at hungerNWNC.org.

### FEEDING PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILLS

Billions of pounds of food go to waste every year, as families, seniors, veterans, and others in our community struggle to put food on the table. Working with retail grocers, food manufacturers, processors, farmers, and others, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC prevents good food from going to waste by instead distributing it to local food assistance programs.

Every day, we move 37 tons of food through our warehouses and out to our network of local partner programs serving Alamance County and 17 others. Together, we work to ensure that residents who are struggling to feed themselves and their families can get the food needed to live healthy, productive lives.

### **BEYOND FOOD FOR TODAY**

#### **FEEDING FUTURES**

**Every child should have enough to eat — every meal, every day.** Good nutrition is essential to the healthy growth and development of children. Second Harvest's goal is to reach children where they are: schools, after-school programs, summer camps. From weekend BackPack meals to summer meal sites, we support partner programs serving children through supplying healthy food, expertise, training, and advocacy. Our collective future depends greatly on how well we care for our children today.

#### **FEEDING HEALTH**

Making sure that no one goes hungry is about more than providing calories; it's about supporting the health of individuals and our community. Chronic, diet-related diseases—diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure—are all too common in our communities and occur even more frequently when people are experiencing food insecurity. Second Harvest provides a variety of healthy food items, including fresh fruit and vegetables, for our network partner programs. Our Nutrition Services team teaches skills that help families use the resources they have for food in the most cost effective and healthy way.

#### FEEDING OPPORTUNITY

To put an end to hunger, we must address root causes of poverty. Second Harvest's innovative Providence programs are building lasting solutions to hunger and poverty. Our work provides culinary and life skills training and opportunities to gain resume building work experience that changes lives one recipe at a time. Our Providence Culinary Training kitchen and classrooms are located in the heart of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC's warehouse, highlighting the connections between opportunity, health and good food. Providence's social enterprises include dining-for-a-cause restaurants, catering, and a community meals program that provides healthy, prepared meals for children and seniors. We invest in people to make individual lives better and make our communities thrive.

#### **FEEDING CHANGE**

We all have a role to play in ending hunger. Too many working families in North Carolina live one unforeseen expense away from hunger. For many others, their working years are behind them, and their fixed incomes have not kept up with the cost of living. The future that Second Harvest Food Bank envisions is one where hunger is a thing of the past. At Second Harvest, we are raising awareness, building public will, and sparking collective action to make residents' lives better and create the kind of community where we can all prosper.

For additional information about our work in your county, contact us at 336.784.5770.



