

# Programs

In addition to providing food to over 700 partner agencies, SHFBM directly serves our hungry neighbors.

## We ♥ Kids



**Over 188,000 children are at risk of hunger every day.**

### ➤ Backpack Program

This program is designed to provide children at risk of hunger with backpacks full of ready-to-eat, nutritious foods for weekends and holidays when school meals are not available. The program currently operates 183 sites in 17 counties.

### ➤ Kids Cafe

Second Harvest partners with agencies that already serve children at risk of hunger to help provide nutritious meals and snacks at their sites. We currently operate over 40 of these sites in 11 counties and serve thousands of children who might otherwise go hungry.

## We ♥ Seniors



**Over 41,000 seniors struggle to afford both food and medicine.**

### ➤ Second Helping

This program provides monthly boxes of supplemental nutritious food to older seniors working with our Meals on Wheels partners. Second Helping supplements the daily nutritious meals received through that program with supplies of easy-to-open nutritional items.

### ➤ Fresh Produce Markets

Nothing says summer quite like picking up fresh produce at a Farmer's Market, but fresh fruit and vegetables can be a luxury for seniors at-risk for hunger. SHFBM provides farmers market experiences at senior center partner sites throughout our service region.

## We ♥ Families



**Working poor families choose between paying utilities, rent or buying food.**

### ➤ School-Based Mobile Pantries

This program supplements our backpack program at high-poverty rate elementary schools. It provides on-site food including produce, meat and dairy for low-income families. This helps the children have enough nutritious food to eat and to come to school prepared to learn. This year, SHFBM will provide over 140 school-based mobile pantries.

### ➤ Rural Mobile Pantries

This program is designed to deliver food to rural areas of our service region where poverty rates tend to be higher and resources can be scarce. Specially equipped trucks deliver 5,000 to 10,000 pounds of food per trip. This past fiscal year 162 mobile pantries were held delivering almost 1.4 million pounds of food through this program.

## We ♥ Pets



**Families and seniors in need struggle to feed their pets, too.**

### ➤ Pet Food Bank

The Second Harvest Pet Food Bank is here to assist area animal rescue organizations with feeding the pets that they care for.

### ➤ Operation Rescue

SHFBM receives and redistributes salvage pet foods and supplies to dozens of animal rescue operations throughout our 19 county region. These supplies help shelters reduce operating costs, freeing up funds to save more animals.

# The Facts



## ➤ Our Mission

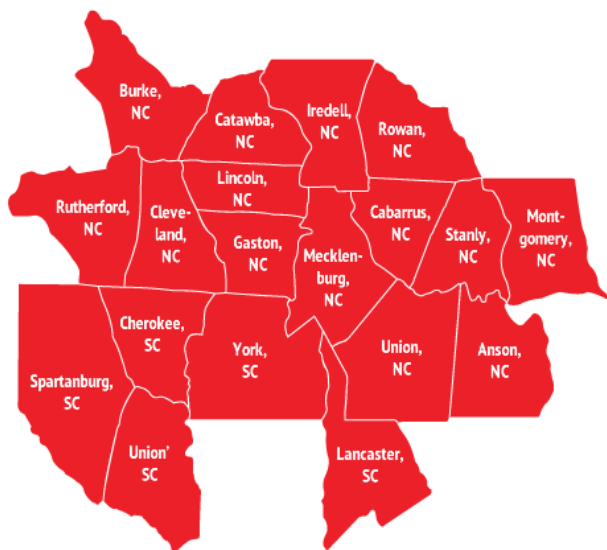
Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (SHFBM) strives through education, advocacy, and partnerships to eliminate hunger by the solicitation and distribution of food. SHFBM has been in existence since 1981.

## ➤ Who We Are and What We Do

We provide a regional distribution warehouse and branches that supply food and grocery items to charitable agencies that assist people in need. We provide training, technical assistance, and hunger education to our partner agencies.

## ➤ Counties Served

We serve a total of 19 counties - 14 counties in North Carolina including Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly and Union. We serve 5 counties in South Carolina including Cherokee, Lancaster, Spartanburg, Union and York.



## ➤ Agencies Served

SHFBM provides food for over 700 partner agencies including soup kitchens like Urban Ministries, emergency pantries like Loaves and Fishes, homeless shelters like Center of Hope, senior programs, and low-income daycares.

## ➤ Food Distributed

In fiscal year 2016-2017, SHFBM distributed over 54 million pounds of food and other household items throughout our 19 county service region. Almost 18 million pounds of our annual distribution is fresh produce, meat and dairy.

## ➤ The Need

18.3% of our service area population, over 527,000 people, lives in poverty including over 188,000 children and over 41,000 seniors. Our emergency pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters continue to report significant increases in requests for assistance over last year.

## ➤ Where Our Food Comes From

Approximately 75% of the food we distribute is donated, 11% is purchased and approximately 14% of the food comes from government commodities.

## ➤ How We Distribute Food

Through our main warehouse in Charlotte and through branches in Hickory (Catawba County), Dallas (Gaston County) and Spartanburg (Spartanburg County).

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