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Second Harvest Exceeds Fundraiser Goal

Second Harvest Community Food Bank's Annual Fund Campaign: Hunger is Here, So is the Solution has come to a close.

The campaign has raised a grand total of \$341,129.25, surpassing their goal of \$200,000.

The funds will be directed to where the need is greatest. Such needs include Mobilizing eligible individuals to have access to critical nutrition assistance programs and the Close the Gap Program.

They will also generate 361,000 meals and create \$1.6 million in economic activity.

They will Provide 230 meal box vouchers to Backpack Buddies families in St. Joseph, open three sites this summer, serve 40 children, and subsidize an additional 50 boxes to eliminate the waiting list for seniors to receive the nutritious box of food.

The food bank will expand food distribution to five million pounds by June.

The Harvest House will be converted to a Community Food Center model by June 2013, serving approximately 6,000 individuals.

Second Harvest serves 19 counties throughout Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.